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MARMALADE BOY【3】

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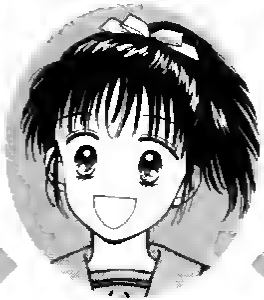
Introducing the Cast of Characters

Suzuki Arimi

Yuu's old girlfriend
Still likes Yuu.

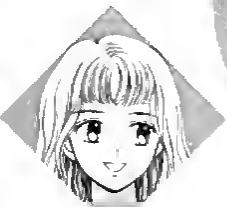
Matsuura Yuu

Shares same house with Miki. Looks cool but is mean!?



Koishikawa Miki

Brightly spirited and simple (?) personality



Akizuki Meiko

Close friend of Miki
Her mysterious aspect is alluring

Suou Ginta

Miki's classmate.
Tennis team.

The Story up thru (2)

Miki and Yuu came to live in the same house due to their parents announcing that they're swapping marriage partners. Miki gradually becomes attracted to Yuu, who sometimes displays sweetness despite being mean.

At a time like that, Ginta suddenly made a confession to Miki. Miki, having been confessed to by Ginta who she liked long ago, becomes confused about her own feelings... Meanwhile, Yuu and Ginta paired up and played a tennis match. After that match, Yuu's ex-girlfriend, Arimi, hustles Ginta away. Seeing that Ginta and Arimi are getting close, Miki is very much worried... But that was actually Arimi's plan, a secret scheme that will make Miki jealous and pull her apart from Yuu!

Finally, their parents' marriage swap was concluded, and the next day, their parents left on a honeymoon. Miki, who for two weeks is living alone with Yuu, will...!?

MIKI-I-I.
I'M HUNGRY.
MAKE ME SOMETHING TO E-E-EAT.
NO.
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOURSELF?
EHHHH?
C'MON-N-N. MAKE SOMETHING...
OKAY-Y-Y?
MI-I-I-KI!
I SA-A-AID...
TUG TUG
TUG
...

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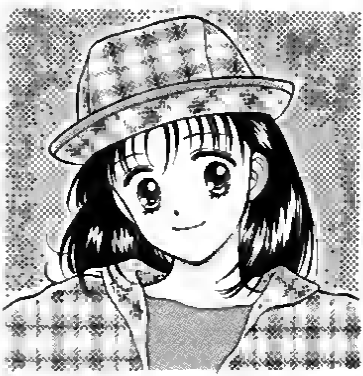

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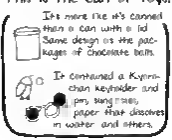
40 POINTS!
MUNCH
Why does the rice clump together like this?
.....
YOU REALLY HAVE NO TALENT FOR COOKING, HUH?
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST MAKE FRIED RICE A LITTLE MORE PROPERLY?

FREE TALK ①

Hello Yoshizumi here. Thank you very much for reading volume 3.

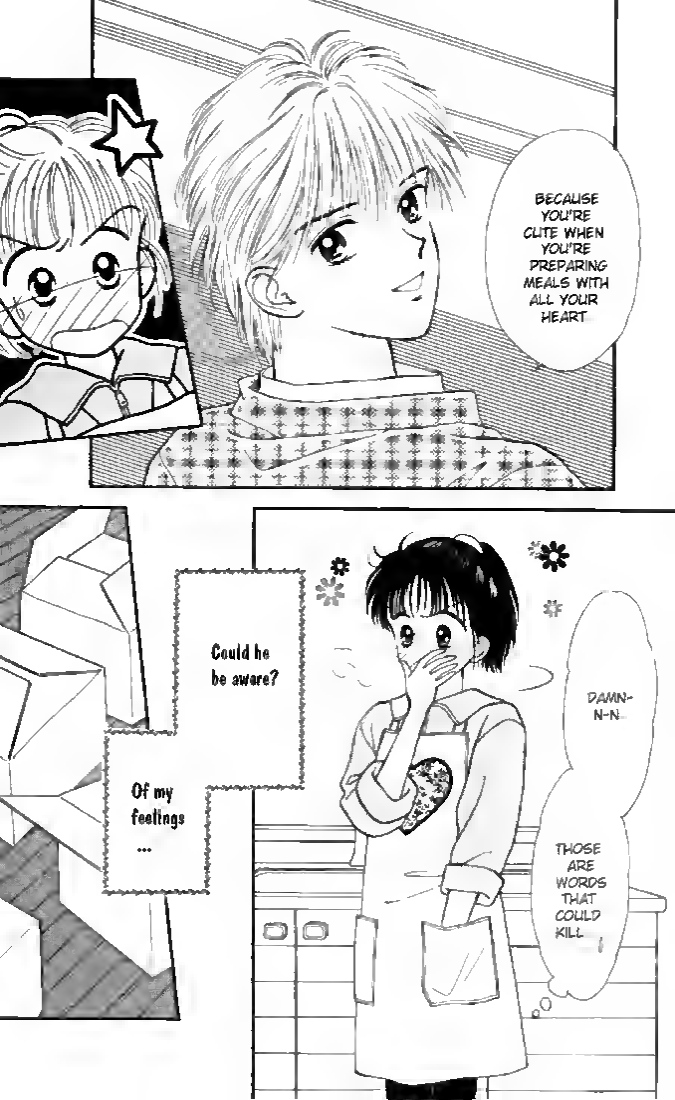
Well, in volume 2, when I wrote that "I am collecting angel marks," lots of people sent them in (I received over 50.) Really, thank you very much. I feel I should write thank you cards, but when I'll have the spare time... I'll definitely write, so please wait patiently, 'kay? In addition, thank you very much to all who sent me a birthday present, too

(For boys.)
This is the can of toys!


It's more like it's canned than a can with a lid. Same design as the packages of chocolate balls.
It contained a Kyorin-chan keyholder and pen, sexy erasers, paper that dissolves in water and others.

THAT'S FOR SURE.
THE AU GRATIN I MADE YESTERDAY WAS DELICIOUS, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF
BUT IT'S SUCH A BOTHER, SO I WON'T DO IT ANY MORE
THAT'S WHY I SAID, "WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOURSELF."
AS IF YOU COULDN'T PREPARE IT MUCH BETTER THAN ME...
SHUT UP! GRR!!
HA HA!
THERE'S NO CHANCE YOU'LL GET GOOD AT IT IN THE FUTURE EITHER
COME TO THINK OF IT, RUMI-SAN'S COOKING ALSO LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED I BET IT'S GENETIC
BUT, WOULD YOU LEAVE BEHIND A BOY AND GIRL OF OUR AGE? GENERALLY SPEAKING
REALLY, OUR PARENTS ARE OUT-RAGEOUS
SQUEAK SQUEAK
Our parents, who lack common sense, set out on their honeymoon.
You and I were left behind, alone together in this house.
SPLISH

BOO HOO HOO
HOW PITIFUL THAT I CAN'T TALK BACK
I'm so weak at cooking... I am scoffed at by Yuu...
But mostly, I'm caused into making the meals.
There are also times when we go out to eat or have food delivered...
SAY, YUU.
So that makes me a little happy, but...
Oh well, but he does eat every bit of my cooking, even though he complains about it...
WHA-A-AT!?
THAT'S OKAY. IT ISN'T SO BAD THAT YOU CAN'T EAT IT
C'MON-N-N. WHY ...?
SO YOU COOK IT.
LET'S EAT OUT ALL THE TIME FROM NOW ON
EVEN YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT MY COOKING ANYMORE, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW VERY WELL MY COOKING IS POOR, RIGHT?
HM?
Actually, she doesn't want to eat it herself.


BECAUSE YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE PREPARING MEALS WITH ALL YOUR HEART
Could he be aware?
Of my feelings ...
DAMN-N-N
THOSE ARE WORDS THAT COULD KILL

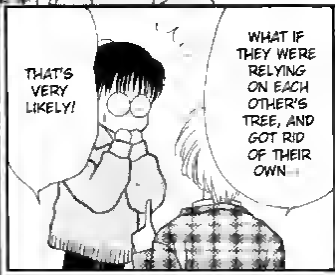
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HMM...
IT ISN'T HERE, IS IT...

I WAS THINKING THAT THE TREE WASN'T AROUND, SO I'M LOOKING FOR IT...
TREE?
YEAH. TOMORROW'S CHRISTMAS EVE, RIGHT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT SEEMS LIKE WE DECORATED ONE EVERY YEAR, TOO.
BUT I WONDER IF WE BROUGHT IT...
WE DECORATED ONE EVERY YEAR, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

SIGH
THAT IT'S A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT A TREE...


THAT'S VERY LIKELY!
WHAT IF THEY WERE RELYING ON EACH OTHER'S TREE, AND GOT RID OF THEIR OWN...

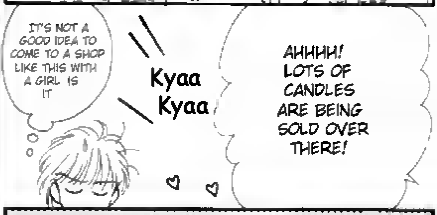
Y-
YEAH!!
We do have the card that our folks left behind, so
THEN, SHALL WE GO BUY ONE?
OFF
Yayyy! Trees trees!

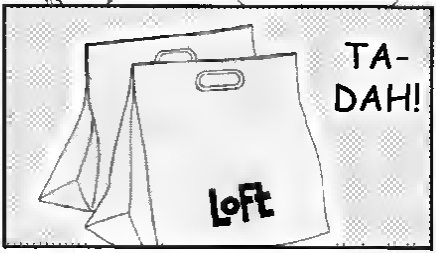
Miki Koishikawa

HOROSCOPE ARIES

BLOODTYPE A

EVEN IF WE BUY THAT MUCH, WE CAN'T USE THEM ALL TO DECORATE!!
OH, THESE GOLD APPLES ARE LOVELY, TOO ♡
AH! THIS ANGEL ORNAMENT IS SUPER-CUTE!!



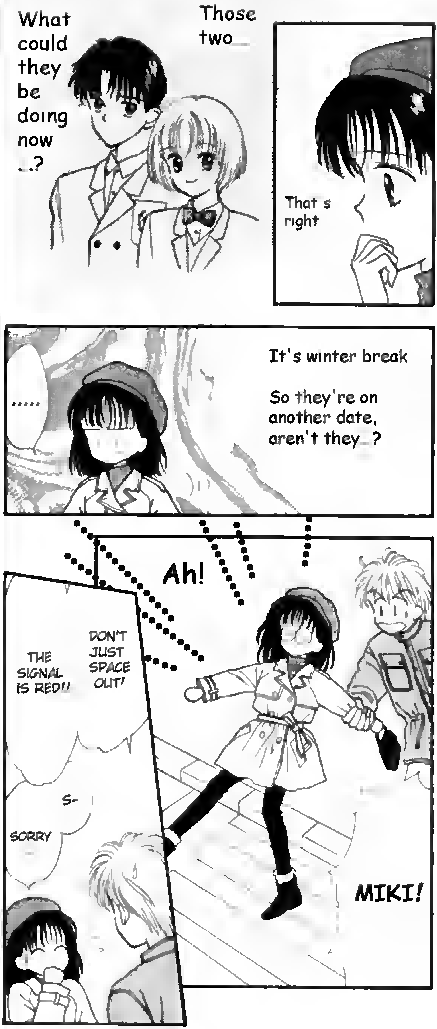


La La!
I'm sorta tired ♡
SO HEAVY
SAG
Lots of couples
I bet they're all sweet-hearts.
HOW NICE
But I'm sure we also seem that way to others.
TEE HEE! ♡

Yuu Matsuura

HOROSCOPE GEMINI

BLOOD TYPE B



BUT YOU BOUGHT TOO MUCH
AHH, SO HEAVY-Y-Y
WHAT A SLACKER. IT'S ONLY THIS MUCH
YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH, YUU.
WHAT!?!
Hold it and see, you jerk
IT ISN'T BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH. IT REALLY IS HEAVY
THAT'S A LIE. YOU'RE A WEAKLING, YUU.
Nyaah Nyaah
GRRR!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF MY STRENGTH
IF I REALLY WANTED TO, I COULD LIFT YOU UP WITH ONE HAND!
OH, COME ON. TELLING A BIG ONE LIKE THAT

WOOSH!

PLOP!
SHUT UP I'LL LET YOU GO ALREADY
HEY! LET ME GO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
WHA...!
Tee Hee
You were lifted right?
WELL!
Heh Heh
YUU!
IT'S YUU!
WHACKETY WHACKETY WHACK
OO-WAH.
OW-OUCH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN!? STUPID!!
EVERYONE'S LAUGHING! GRRRR. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, NOTHING.
BOSS!
HEY! SUDDENLY CANCELING YOUR PART-TIME JOB!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?
YO!
I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU AGAIN AT THE NEXT BREAK!
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED THIS TIME, HUH?
HA HA!
I'M SORRY.
YOU SAID YOU'D BE WORKING DURING WINTER BREAK TOO, SO I THOUGHT THERE'D BE LOTS OF FEMALE CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR YOU AGAIN, BUT I WAS DISAPPOINTED!
See ya.
YOUR PART-TIME JOB WAS IN A USED CLOTHES STORE?
WHY DID YOU QUIT OVER WINTER BREAK?
THE MANAGER OF THE USED CLOTHES STORE THAT I WORKED PART-TIME AT DURING SUMMER BREAK
He's a strange man.
WHO'S THAT?

IF I'D STARTED WORKING, THERE WOULD'VE BEEN DAYS THAT I COULDN'T COME HOME UNTIL VERY LATE AT NIGHT...
?
AND YOU SAID THAT THERE WEREN'T ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES DURING WINTER BREAK...
BECAUSE...
OUR PARENTS WENT ON A TRIP...
THUMP!
YOU WOULDN'T FEEL SAFE BEING HOME ALONE, WOULD YOU?

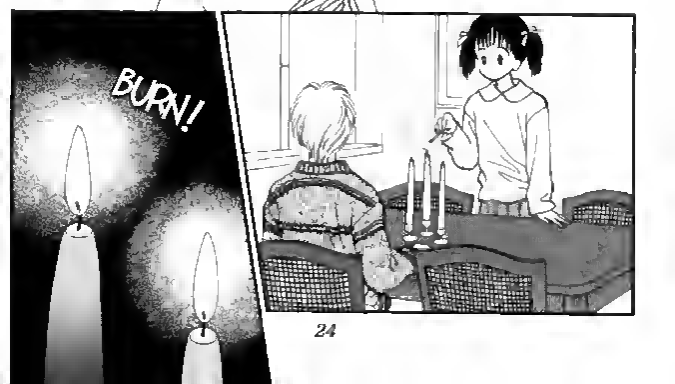
FWIP!
WELL,
WHAT'S THE USE, HUH?
TH-
THANK YOU
For my
sake..?
What's the use?
GRRR
He's always like that... He says something mean, but it's really something else.
Tee Hee ...

Oh!
THAT'S IT.
LET'S BUY A CAKE, TOO, AND GO HOME!
That's one of the things...
...I like o lot.
This winter break...
...is one where I can have Yuu's smiling face all to myself.
OKAY!

I wonder if
I owe a bit
of gratitude
to our parents
who lack
common sense?

THE TREE WAS BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED, TOO...
CHRISTMAS SHOULD BE THIS WAY, AFTER ALL, HM!
MI-I-KI-I.
LET'S HURRY AND EAT!
WOWWW.
LOOKS DELICIOUS !!

WE WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF BUYING THEM.
AH, HOLD ON, HOLD ON. BEFORE THAT, LET'S LIGHT THE CANDLES.
Turn out the lights...


BURN!

Oh? An unusually straight reply
THE CANDLELIGHT'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
IT'S LIKE I'M BEING DRAWN IN. .
YEAH.
HUH...
THUMP

WHAT'S THIS? WHY..
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...IS HE LOOKING AT ME INSTEAD OF THE CANDLES?
THUMP

DING-DONG-
DING-DONG
DING DO-
O-ONG
CLACK
YES
WHO...
WHO IS
IT AT
THIS
HOU-
U-UR!?
WH...!
Merry Christmas!!
POP POPPA POP

KYA KYA
DID I SURPRISE YOU?
GOOD EVENING, MIKI-SAN!!
OH! THANK YOU.
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, SO WE WERE OUT ON A DATE... BUT SURE ENOUGH, IT'S THE MORE THE MERRIER ON A DAY LIKE THIS... SO WE DECIDED TO COME HERE TO HAVE FUN.
FRIED CHICKEN.
HERE. THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU.
HUHHH?
WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU DOING?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FOLKS?
"TWO PEOPLE"?
THAT CAKE IS A LITTLE TOO LARGE TO BE EATEN BY TWO PEOPLE...
WELL, YOU CAME AT A PERFECT TIME.

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THEN, RIGHT NOW, THE TWO OF YOU ARE IN THIS HOUSE...
A 2-WEEK HONEY-MOON!?
.....
C-C'MON. DON'T IMAGINE WEIRD THINGS!
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING, REALLY...
WOOOOSH!
CLENCH!
COME HERE A SEC, MAT-SUURA!
WHUMP!

That hurt, y'know
OKAY, YOU JERK
IF YOU DO ANYTHING WEIRD TO MIKI JUST BECAUSE THE TWO OF YOU ARE ALONE TOGETHER, I'LL SIMPLY
ANYTHING WEIRD? WHAT SORT OF THING?
WHA...!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT SORT OF...? UHH...
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME CLEARLY, I WON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, WILL I?
C'mon, say it
WHAT MUSTN'T I DO? HM?
WH...
ALL YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO SAY IS, "I WON'T"!! C'MON, SAY IT!!
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO EVIL LIKE THAT, YOU DIPSHIT!!
IT'S FUN TEASING THIS GUY, TOO, HUH

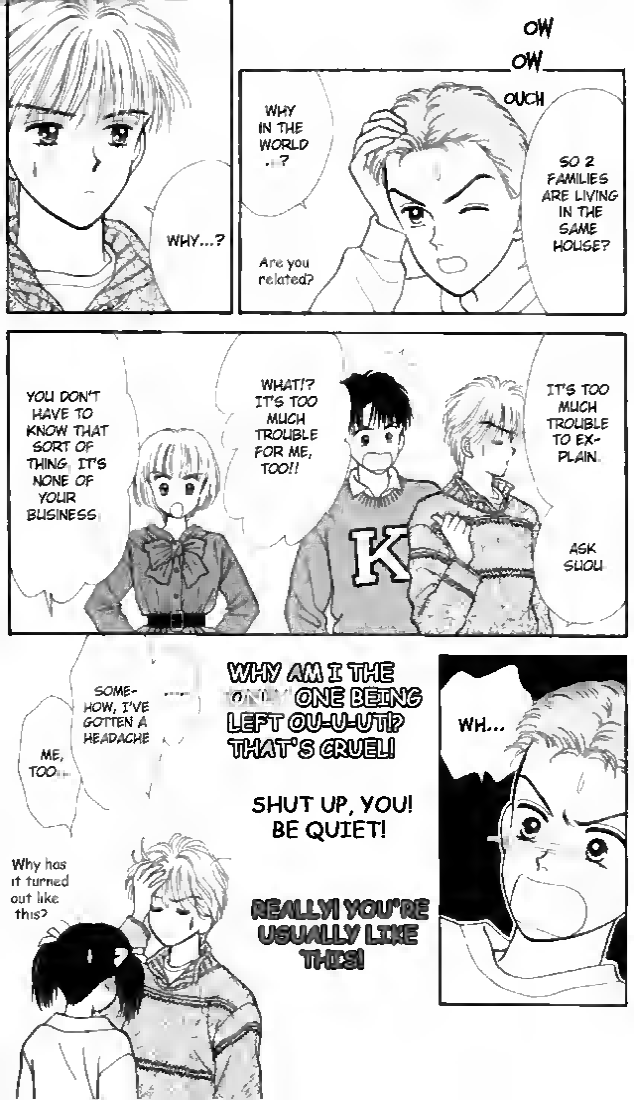
I won't let the two of them spend a Christmas Eve alone together!!
The point was to show off Suou-kun's relationship with me to Miki-son, but it's a good thing we come
YOU SAID YOU WERE OUT ON A DATE...
WITH GINTA...
H-HMM...
AFTER EATING LUNCH, WE WENT WINDOW SHOPPING, AND THEN, CHATTED AT A COFFEE SHOP...
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN♡
HEE
YUP!
WE WERE TOGETHER ALL DAY

Actually, we only met a little while ago and came straight over here...
I'm just joking
DING DONG
People are coming by often today aren't they?
YES?
CLACK
ROKUTANDA-KUN!?
RO...

ARG!
HEY, IT'S ANOTHER VISITOR
TSUTOMU. HOW COME YOU'RE HERE!?
IT SLIPPED OUT
AH, SORRY
"ARG!" IS NO WAY TO RESPOND, IS IT!? WHAT RUDE GUYS YOU A-A-ARE!!
I who would never appear again!
Just when I was thinking that you were a character...
I saw Arimi and Ginta on the train...
CLAN-N-NG
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH..
And when I followed without thinking they went into this house so

And so I thought maybe I could get you to let me join in too, so I went to a nearby liquor store, and bought some champagne
I got the idea that there was a Christmas party here
WHY DIDN'T YOU INVITE ME!?!
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW OF MY LOVE FOR MY ARIMI...
YOU GUYS ARE COLD!
NO
UMM.
BECAUSE IT'S NOT REALLY A PARTY

HOW COME MATSUURA KNOWS WHERE THE FORKS AND STUFF ARE?
THIS IS KOISHIKAWA-SAN'S PLACE, ISN'T IT?
OKAY
YUU, BRING OUT THE PLATES AND FORKS, PLEASE.
FOR FIVE.
THIS IS MY HOUSE, TOO!
It says Koishikawa-Matsuura
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE NAMEPLATE?
YOU GUYS CAN'T POSSIBLY BE LIVING TOGETHER ...?
EH!? SO...
USUALLY, THEIR PARENTS ARE HERE, TOO!!
DON'T SAY WEIRD THINGS!
IT'S NOT A JOKE!


WHY...?
OW
OW
OUCH
WHY IN THE WORLD ..!?
Are you related?
SO 2 FAMILIES ARE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THAT SORT OF THING. IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
WHAT!? IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR ME, TOO!!
IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO EXPLAIN.
ASK SHOU
SOMEHOW, I'VE GOTTEN A HEADACHE
ME, TOO...
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE BEING LEFT OU-U-UT!? THAT'S CRUEL!
SHUT UP, YOU! BE QUIET!
REALLY! YOU'RE USUALLY LIKE THIS!
WH...
Why has it turned out like this?

WHAT AM I WORRYING ABOUT THEM FOR?
I'LL GO GET THEM RIGHT NOW, SO WAIT JUST A SEC, 'KAY!?
SHALL WE PLAY SOME CARDS OR SOMETHING, EVERYONE!?
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE... DON'T FIGHT. LET'S BE FRIENDLY. OH, THAT'S IT...
Now, now...
LET'S SEE...
I THINK IT WAS AROUND HERE...
Miki

F-FOUND IT!
THIS IS YOUR ROOM, MIKI?
IT'S QUITE GIRLISH, ISN'T IT
K
GI...
GINTA!!
Hmm

PUSH!
OH.
C'MON, YOU IDIOT! DON'T COME IN WITHOUT ASKING!!
DAMN WHAT'S THIS? STINGY
IT'S OKAY IT'S ONLY YOUR ROOM
SLAM!
It's messy n' stuff!
NO-O-O!! IT'S EM-BARRASSING!
.....
AND MAT-SUURA?
HUH?

DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUM-STANCES, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES LIKE THAT...
MAT-SUURA'S
BEEN INSIDE, HASN'T HE?
SURE. 'CAUSE HE'S FAMILY.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? GRRRR!!
SURE ENOUGH, I'M GOING IN ONCE MORE.
OUTTA MY WAY!!
IF IT'S A ROOM YOU WANT TO SEE, THEN YOU SHOULD GET ARIMI-SAN TO SHOW YOU HERS!

EVEN TODAY.
BECAUSE YOU'RE SEEING HER OFTEN, AREN'T YOU?
LIAR!
SHE MEANS NOTHING
IF YOU TELL ME NOT TO SEE HER..
THEN I WON'T SEE HER ANYMORE.

IF YOU CHOOSE ME,
I WON'T SEE SUZUKI-SAN ANY-MORE.
BUT IF...
IT'S NO...
K
THEN I'M GOING TO GIVE UP ON YOU...
AND GO OUT WITH HER.
Miki

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IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.

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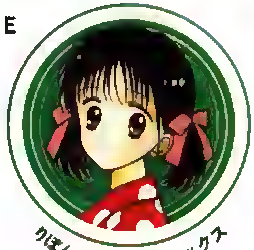

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WELL, I LOOKED AT A COOKBOOK AND DID MAKE IT. BUT YUU SCOFFED AT IT
DID YOU HAVE O-ZOUNI?*
YUP
THANKS TO THAT, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY NEW YEAR'S DISHES OR ANYTHING
IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE NEW YEAR'S AT ALL TO ME
IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR YOU IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS, HUH?
SO...
YOUR PARENTS SPENT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S IN HAWAII?

* NOTE <"O-ZOUNI" IS A DISH... RICE CAKES IN A VEGETABLE SOUP THAT IS COMMONLY EATEN ON NEW YEAR'S >

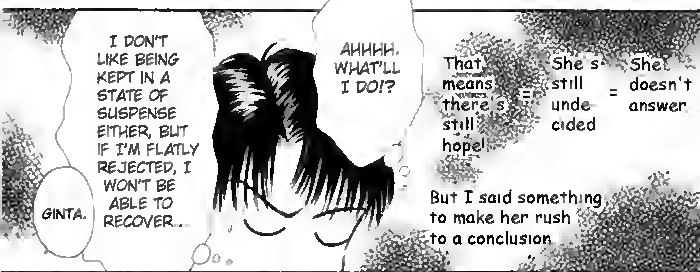
I SEE
AND SO, WHAT HAPPENED WITH GINTA?
AND THE 2 WEEKS, IN ITS OWN WAY, WERE FUN
YEAH, BUT FOR HATSUMOUDE*, YUU AND I WENT TO THE LOCAL SHRINE...

*NOTE <"HATSUMOUDE" IS THE FIRST VISIT TO A SHRINE IN THE NEW YEAR >

FREE TALK ②

Sometimes, when I'm talking with my friends, the subject of video games comes up (people who have siblings, sure enough, know about it well), but since I don't have an SNES and I have no interest in RPG, I can seldom take part in the conversation. But I also really like Tetris-type things and action and shooting (though I have no skill at it ;) and when I want to flee from work, I play on a GameBoy. But, being really no good at it, y'know, I like the "Tom & Jerry" and "Crayon Shin-chan" games, but I can't make it to the end at all... I'm especially frustrated by the "Field Trip" level of stage 2 in Shin-chan's. What's more, that mini-game called "Start Looking for Shiro!" within the game... what's what? To the people who could clear all the levels to the end, please, by all means, give me some tips.

AHHH... YEAH.
THAT'S JUST IT, ISN'T IT ...?
The new school term. It's finally arrived
Ahhhh
Meeting Miki... I'm... SCARED!!
If you don't choose me, then I'll date Suzuki-san.
It's all up to you.
Back then, I was only being pushy and bluffed like that...
But that was a bad idea after all, huh.


I DON'T LIKE BEING KEPT IN A STATE OF SUSPENSE EITHER, BUT IF I'M FLATLY REJECTED, I WON'T BE ABLE TO RECOVER...
GINTA.
AHHHH. WHAT'LL I DO!?
That means there's still hope!
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She's still undecided
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She doesn't answer
But I said something to make her rush to a conclusion

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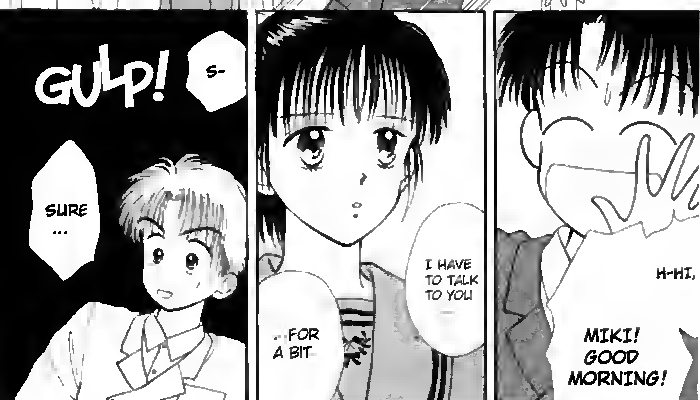
GULP!
S-
SURE...
...FOR A BIT
I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU!
H-HI,
MIKI! GOOD MORNING!
Unnaturally loud voice.

UMM...
GINTA,
I LIKE YOU A LOT.
R-
REALLY !?
BUT, I LIKE YUU, TOO.

I LIKE BOTH OF YOU A LOT
AND SO...
WITH MY FEELINGS SPLIT LIKE THIS, I CAN'T VERY WELL GO OUT WITH YOU, GINTA.
EVEN YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU, GINTA?
A GIRL-FRIEND WHO'S ALSO IN-TERESTED IN ANOTHER GUY!
I-
I WOULDN'T MIND!!
WHILE YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH ME YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT GUY-Y-Y!
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFI-DENCE
THAT'S NO GOOD
B-BUT...
.....
EVEN IF I DIDN'T WANT TO, I'D BE RUNNING INTO HIM EVERY DAY
BECAUSE WE'RE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE

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PLEASE GO OUT WITH ARIMI-SAN...
AND SO...
M-MIKI!
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TIE YOU DOWN, GINTA, AND INTERFERE WITH YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A WONDERFUL GIRLFRIEND...
THAT'S NOT IT-T-T!
I THINK I'D BE TERRIBLY JEALOUS.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE THOUGHT OF YOU BEING TAKEN AWAY BY ARIMI-SAN ...IS UN-PLEASANT.
BUT THAT'S ME BEING SELFISH, ISN'T IT.

I HATE YOU, GINTA!
GRRRR!
THAT'S CRU-U-UEL! TO FOOL ME... THAT'S THE PITS!
EHHHH!? A LIE!?
I...
AH! I MEAN ...
?
I CAN'T SAY IT..
BYE, I'LL BE GOING NOW!
AH ...
UHH, MIKI.
MI...
YOUR TRUE FEELINGS MADE ME AWFULLY HAPPY, GINTA... THANK YOU
I CAN'T RESPOND ... I'M SORRY.
EVEN IF YOU GET A GIRLFRIEND, LET'S CONTINUE TO BE GOOD FRIENDS, 'KAY!?

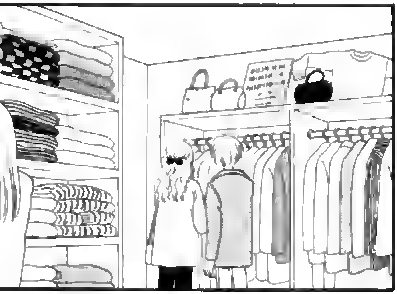
This isn't funny!
Y- You gotta be kidding...
Why is it turning out this way!?
AHHHH. I SHOULDN'T HAVE PLAYED SUCH A CHEAP TRICK.
MIKIIII !!
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO TURN OUT THIS WAY!

With this...
It's okay, right...?
THIS IS THE DECISION I CAME UP WITH AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT OVER ALL OF WINTER BREAK.

MIKI...
AH' BUT O-SHIRUKO* IS GOOD, TOO, HUH?
MAYBE IT'S CAKE, AFTER ALL
HEY, HEY, MEIKO!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA EAT TODAAAY?
F
KEEPING IT TO YOURSELF IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET YOURSELF BE DE-PRESSED?
I WONDER IF I WAS WRONG?
HUH?
YOUR CHEER-FULNESS WASN'T NATURAL
BUT I WAS ACTING SO CHEERFUL! HOW COME YOU KNEW?
SIGH

* NOTE <A *SWEET* RED BEAN SOUP WITH RICE CAKE >

I'D BEEN THINKING THAT, MORE AND MORE, YOU'VE BEEN ATTRACTED TO MATSUURA-KUN, MIKI..
AND THAT IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE TWO OF YOU BECAME A COUPLE...
IT'S JUST THAT MATSUURA-KUN WAS A FRESH EXPERIENCE FOR YOU, MIKI, SO YOU WERE STRONGLY ATTRACTED TO HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE..
AND MAYBE ALL YOU REALLY NEEDED FROM GINTA WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS ALWAYS NEARBY, AND THERE FOR YOU IN A NORMAL KIND OF WAY..
C-
C'MON
DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!
AH!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY I WAS ONLY TALKING
FORGET ABOUT IT, 'KAY!?



The one I really needed was Ginta...?

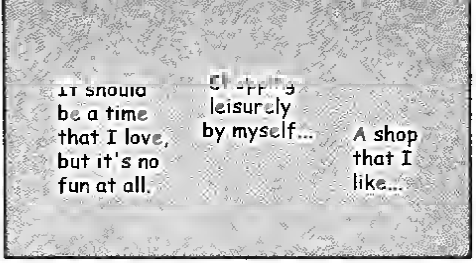
Even though she tells me that...

Even if that's true...

It's already too late...

FREE TALK ③

Recently, I was invited by some friends, and now I've started going to see plays done by a theatrical group called "Caramel Box". They're simple, modern plays that are full of gags and wind up with a touching, happy ending. They're extremely amusing, but there are quite a few holes in the script (the development of this is a bit unnatural.) and (this character's psychological development is missing something) and in many other parts, too. But all of the actors are appealing, and they're a splendid troupe that certainly made me feel like seeing their next performance, too. I especially liked Uekawa Takaya san's His role of Kouhei-kun, in "In April, She'll ~" was good, wasn't it.



I'M FEELING TERRIBLY DOWN SOME-HOW..
I'M SER-IOUSLY ILL.
No matter what I see, my heart is without joy.
There isn't anything I want at all.

OH!
MIKI-SAN!
FOR A MOMENT THERE, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU-U-U!
YOU LET YOUR HAIR DOWN TODAY, HM
It's cute
...
ARIMI-SAN.
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HER NOW, DID I...
SO IT'S NOT FOR FASHION, BUT BECAUSE OF THE COLD
.....
In the winter outside of school I often
YEAH, SINCE IT'S COLD
AHH...
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M GOING TO STAY AT A FRIEND'S PLACE RIGHT NOW
THAT'S A LARGE BAG
Maybe I'll feel a little better if I go home and see Yuu's face...
JR Line
Ticket Machines

THAT FRIEND...
WHO DO YOU THINK IT IS?
THUMP!
C-
COULD IT BE..
..GINTA?
THAT'S RIGHT
SUOU-KUN.

HE SAID, "MY PARENTS WON'T BE AROUND TONIGHT, AND NO ONE'S HERE, SO COME OVER!"
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M STAYING OVER AT A GUY'S PLACE, SO MY HEART'S POUNDING
OH!
HUH?
ACTUALLY, IT'S A GIRL IN MY CLASS...
No matter what...
JU-U-UST KIDDING!
IT'S A JOKE! A JOKE!
WAIT! HEY.
MIKI-SA-A-AN!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

OH WELL. THAT'S OKAY.
She's so naive, after all...
OH NO... I WONDER IF SHE TOOK ME SERIOUSLY.
How nice, Ginta.
Arimi-san's cute.
A bit head-strong, but she's a nice person...
Staying over...
Those two. They've gone that far.
Dizzy

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, HUH.
THAT'S RIGHT... BECAUSE IT'S THEIR PROBLEM, RIGHT
But, I wonder if it's all right.
I wonder if Arimi-san won't change her mind again and dump Ginta.
I can talk about anything comfortably.
My closest male friend...

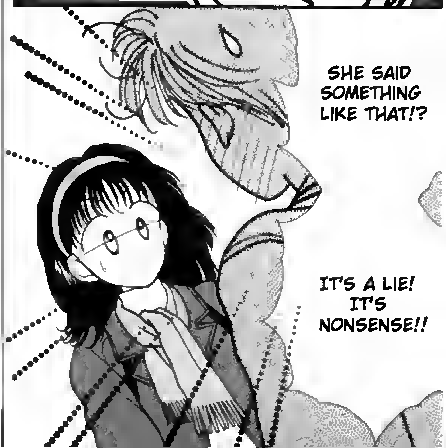
Even though it's something I've known...
He's really, truly drifting away...
I feel so...
I feel so lonely-y-y...

sniffle...
Kashikawa
Matsuura
LINGER
LINGER
G-
GINTA ...?
WAH!
M-MIKI !!
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...?
.....
I CAME TO APOLOGIZE.
ALL ALONG, I'VE BEEN... LYING TO YOU...

Ginta Suou

HOROSCOPE ARIES

BLOODTYPE O



PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY AND JUST LISTEN TO ME.
OKAY, MIKI...?
!?
THE REASON THAT SUZUKI-SAN AND I HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE ALL THIS TIME RECENTLY IS...
THAT'S ALL AN ACT.
THERE'S REALLY ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BETWEEN US.
EVEN NOW, SUZUKI-SAN LIKES MATSUURA...
SO WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT GOING OUT IS A LIE, TOO!

AND I ONLY PLAYED ALONG WITH THAT..
IT'S A STRATEGY THAT SUZUKI-SAN THOUGHT OF..
SHE SAID IT WOULD MAKE YOU JEALOUS AND TURN YOUR ATTENTION FROM MATSUURA OVER TO ME
SPROING!
FOR-GIVE ME!!
I'M SORRY !!
I'M REEEALLY SORRY!
HUH ...
YOU AREN'T ANGRY?
.....

COLLAPSE!
MIKI !?
I-
IT'S LIKE MY LEGS GAVE WAY
EHH!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!? HEY!
THUMP...!
JUST NOW...

drop
AND LOOK ...
JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT FEELING ...
AND MY TEARS...
BUT..
I'M GLAD.
I WAS THINKING HOW THE GIRL WHO'S CLOSEST TO YOU, GINTA, ISN'T ME ANY-MORE
AND THEN...
I BECAME AWFULLY AWFULLY SAD,
AND MY CHEST GOT TIGHT...

I'M GLAD...
IT WASN'T TRUE...
.....
MIKI!
SQUEEZE!...

HUH?
WHUMP!
KYAAAA!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHA-
WHA-
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING LIKE THAT ...
WHAT'S COME OVER YOU!?
TH-

STIRRING UP THE MOOD SO MUCH...
N-NO, BUT...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S LEADING ME ON.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT, IS IT!?
WAIT A MIN...
D-DON'T BE HASTY.
I'M NOT WAITING...

YANK!
G-
GINTA
...
YAHHHHHH!

STOP.
BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS
WHISH!
ARG!
MA-
MATSU ...!
I DON'T WANT YOU MAKING PASSES AT OUR MIKI IN A SPOT LIKE THIS—
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF A BAD RUMOR SPREADS AROUND HERE?
IT WAS A GOOD THING I RETURNED HOME FROM THE BOOK-STORE JUST NOW!
I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT THINK ABOUT TPO*, HM.
*NOTE <"TPO" = APPROPRIATE TO TIME PLACE AND OCCASION>

SEE YA.
AH!
.....
SLAM!
He got in the wa-a-ay!
Even though it was the perfect moment
Tha-a-a-at...
Jer-r-r-rk

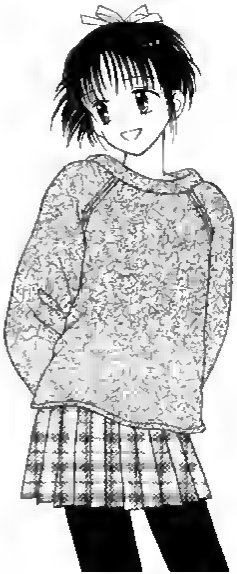
YOU STUPID JER-R-R-RK!
SHOUTING AGA-A-AIN
THIS GUY ISN'T SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPROVE-MENT
GAHHH
OXYGEN O-
TAP TAP TAP
WHEEZE
PUFF! PUFF!
PUFF!
WHEEZE
HUFF!
HUFF!
OHHHH I'M SORRY I M SORRY
A-
AGONY ...
W-
WAIT, YUU!

Wh-what, he says
NEVER MIND...
IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT?
Heh!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
...

Why did he stop us?
Maybe...
CLICK
DON'T GO AWAY LOOKING LIKE YOU DON'T CARE!
He was jealous?
IDIOT...

On Modern Architecture
RIP!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
On Modern Arc
by: Miwa Yoshi

MIKI-SAN.
TAP!
TAP!
TAP!
ARIMI-SAN...



JEEZ, HE'S GOT NO GUTS, HAS HE
I HEARD FROM SUOU-KUN.
HE SAID HE SPILLED EVERYTHING.

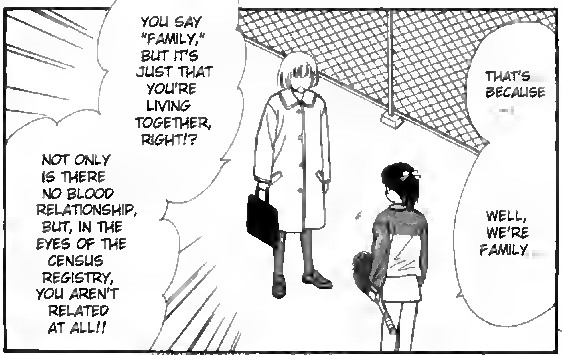
WHO ARE YOU HERE TO SEE TODAY ...?
GINTA? OR YUU?
YOU.

WELL, BUT I WAS THINKING, NOW THAT THE LIE HAS BEEN REVEALED, THAT MAYBE I SHOULD APOLOGIZE ANYWAY...
.....
HEY!!

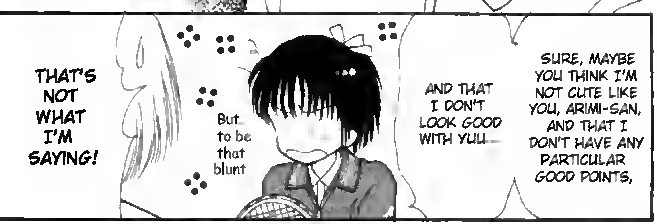
BECAUSE, THANKS TO ME, MIKI-SAN, YOUR OWN FEELINGS WERE MADE CLEAR.
SORTA.
ACTUALLY, MAYBE YOU SHOULD EVEN BE THANKING ME?
THOUGH YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU THINK YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG.
HUH!? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FAR FROM THAT, I'VE BEEN THROWN INTO STILL DEEPER CONFUSION ...
THAT'S WHY!
I'M SAYING THAT YOU'VE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THAT YOU LIKE BOTH YUU AND SUOU-KUN, RIGHT!?
IT'S POSSIBLE ...
THAT YUU... LIKES YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT YUU DOESN'T OPEN HIS HEART TO STRANGERS
ON THE SURFACE, HE'S FRIENDLY AND SOCIABLE, BUT WHENEVER HE'S WITH PEOPLE, HE KEEPS HIS DISTANCE
THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T HAVE A SWEETHEART, OR A CLOSE FRIEND
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY...
BUT SOMEHOW, THE CIR-CUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT WITH YOU
I CAN'T SAY IT WELL, BUT.. THERE'S AN AIR OF TENDERNESS BEYOND THE USUAL... WHENEVER HE'S WITH YOU
NOTHING LIKE THIS EXISTED UP TO NOW!

BUT
Sure That's true but


YOU SAY "FAMILY," BUT IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE LIVING TOGETHER, RIGHT!?
NOT ONLY IS THERE NO BLOOD RELATIONSHIP, BUT, IN THE EYES OF THE CENSUS REGISTRY, YOU AREN'T RELATED AT ALL!!
THAT'S BECAUSE...
WELL, WE'RE FAMILY

YOU AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR YUU!
I'LL NEVER ACCEPT IT.
EVEN IF YUU LIKES YOU...


THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING!
But to be that blunt
AND THAT I DON'T LOOK GOOD WITH YUU...
SURE, MAYBE YOU THINK I'M NOT CUTE LIKE YOU, ARIMI-SAN, AND THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR GOOD POINTS,

BUT YOU WAVER BETWEEN YUU AND SUOU-KUN!
YUU IS THE ONLY ONE I LIKE
FOR A LONG TIME, YUU'S BEEN THE ONLY ONE I'VE BEEN WATCHING
THAT'S WHAT I CAN'T FORGIVE.
AND THAT'S WHY I WON'T CONCEDE TO YOU!!
I CAN'T GIVE YUU UP TO SOMEONE WHO ONLY THINKS THAT MUCH ABOUT HIM.

SO...
I'LL NEVER GIVE HIM UP!
AH...

But...
RATTLE
Those two are completely different types...
And they have completely different appeals
.....
That struck a nerve...

Both are dear to me.
I like both of them a lot.
That's how I honestly feel.
Even though she points that out
OH!
ARIMI..?
I...
Don't know what to do...

AREN'T YOU WITH THE WRONG PARTNER?
SUOU IS THE ONE YOU...
THAT WAS JUST AN ACT TO MAKE MIKI-SAN JEALOUS
BUT YOU KNEW THAT!!
I LOVE YOU ..
Well, I had a vague...
...

I CAN'T FORGET.
DO SOME-THING.
HELP ME...!!

Meiko Akizuki

Horoscope
Scorpio

Bloodtype A

Year 1 Class B
AND THEN?
THAT WAS SO-O-O COOL! JUST LIKE A TV DRAMA
YEAH. WHILE HE WAS CALMING THE CRYING GIRL, THEY LEFT.
BUT I COULDN'T HEAR WHAT THEY WERE SAYING
Hmm.
REMAINING COMPLETELY CALM IN A SCENE LIKE THAT IS JUST LIKE YUU, HUH.
HOW TRUE
So that's what happened afterwards
"Yuu doesn t open his heart to strangers"
He remains cool
Even though he s become the target of a rumor

But of course, I wouldn't go so far as to call them close friends...
Since that match, he does chat pretty often with Ginta...
It's been quite a while since he's transferred here, but...
Come to think of it, Yuu doesn't seem to have a particularly close friend.
Tug Tug
THUMP
...

I'VE DECIDED TO WAIT PATIENTLY.
UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M BETTER THAN HIM.
I HOPE
TO WAIT PATIENTLY
BUT I'M NOT VERY PATIENT BY NATURE...
I'M CONFIDENT I THINK OF YOU WAY MORE THAN HE DOES...
THERE-FORE!!
HURRY UP AND NOTICE ME!
AND I'M DEFINITELY BETTER THAN A GUY LIKE THAT,
Doesn't know what she should say
WHOSE THOUGHTS YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND!!

.....
SILENCE...
.....
WHY?
HUH? UH-HUH
Because it was warm.
BY THE WAY
YOU WERE IN A SKIRT DURING THE TEAM SESSION YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
INSTEAD OF SWEAT-PANTS
It's been a while since I've seen them and that's what I thought.
DIDN'T YOUR LEGS GET FAT DURING THE WINTER?
H...!
HOW RUDE!! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
I LOST MY TAN, SO IT ONLY LOOKS THAT WAY!!
EH? BUT IT'S NOT ONLY ME EVERY-ONE'S SAYING IT—
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ONLY TALK AND DON'T PRACTICE SERIOUSLY THAT YOU BECOME WEAKER EVERY YEAR.
EVERY-ONE!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE BOYS TEAM!
JUST WATCH THE LEAGUE MATCHES THIS YEAR! WE'RE SURE TO BE RAISED TO DIVISION 3!
WHA-A-AT !?

For some reason, it's been a while...
Joking this way with Ginto...
WHY YOU-U-U
AT ONLY A LEVEL WHERE YOU GINTA, CAN BE A REGULAR PLAYER
I WONDER
A-ALL RIGHT YOU'RE ON!
THEN A BET? A CAKE SET FROM LOFT HOUSE
This way's nice
Yup
Sure enough
And having a lively and cheerful time is best, right...?
Let the feelings take their natural course..
It's useless to warry and braad over this and that

THWOCK
Worried about what Ginta said and were sweats today
OHH WELL
AMAZING, MIKI! YOU'RE IN TOP CONDITION.
NICE SHOT!
A new, unforeseen crisis awaited me...
But... This "in top condition" didn't last long...
Next one s comi-i-ng
WHAT?
YOU COULD SAY I'VE SORTA SHOOK IT OFF THIS WAY
HA! HA! HA!
OH NO, IT'S NOTHING REALLY, BUT

Yo.

Year 1
Class B

GOOD MORNING!

CLATTER!

MIKI!

MIKI!

Arimi Suzuki

HOROSCOPE LEO

BLOODTYPE O

DID YOU KNOW? ABOUT MEIKO.

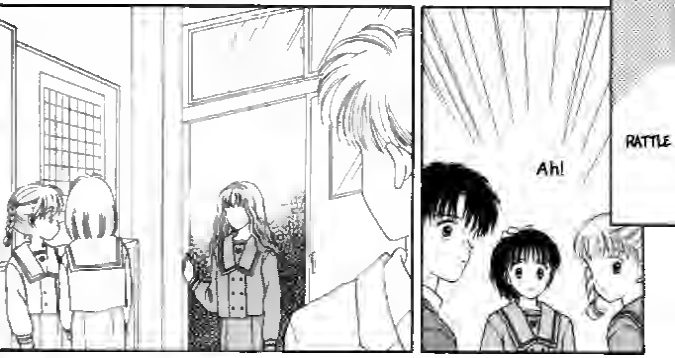
?

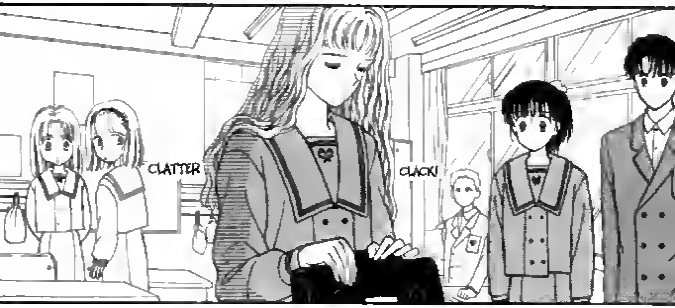
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

IT'S AWFUL-L-L!

HUH ..?

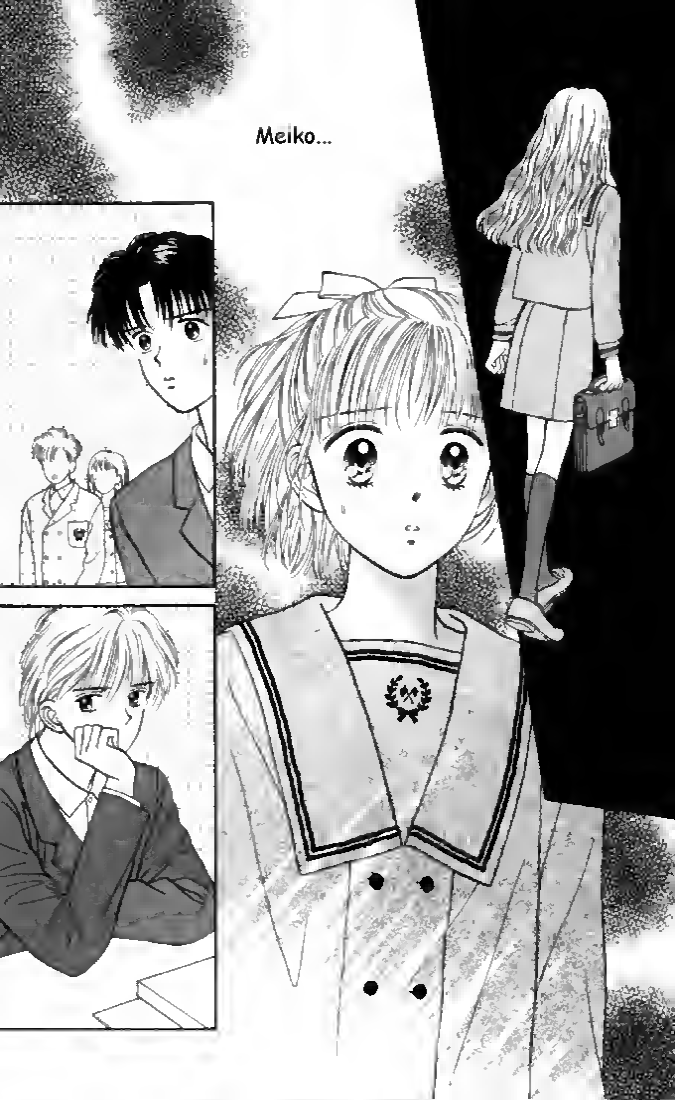
THEY SAY THAT MEIKO AND NATCHAN...
WERE GOING OUT TOGETHER!!
IT SEEMS THERE WERE ALSO RUMORS FROM BEFORE THAT THE TWO OF THEM WERE MEETING ALONE IN THE LIBRARY
I HEARD THAT A PARENT WHO LIVES IN THE AREA SAW MEIKO RETURNING HOME FROM NATCHAN'S APARTMENT EARLY IN THE MORNING
IT REALLY SEEMS THAT WAY!
YOU'RE KIDDING
NO WAY
I didn't know that.
You're kidding...
AND THEN, YESTERDAY, IT TURNED INTO A HUGE PROBLEM AT THE PTA MEETING...
I hadn't heard!
AND MEIKO WAS CALLED INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE JUST NOW.


RATTLE
Ah!


CLATTER
CLACK!

M-
MEIKO !!

I'VE BEEN SUS-PENDED FROM SCHOOL
FOR THE TIME BEING
BYE-BYE
MEI...


Meiko...

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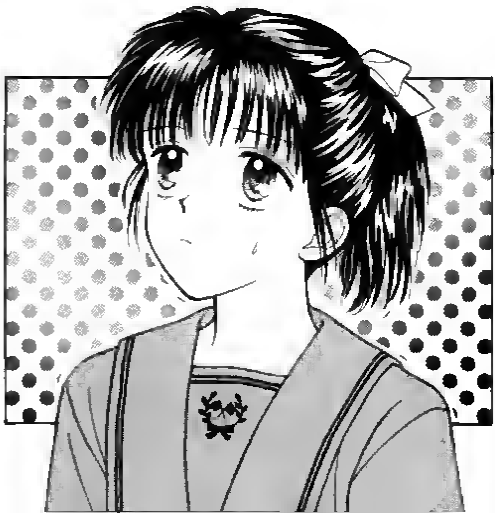
FREE TALK ④

When I'm drawing the manuscript with my assistants, I'd end up watching the screen if it were TV and I easily get tired of CDs, so it is oftentimes the case that I turn on the radio. But oftentimes, the DJ's boring, or sleep-inducing music floats out, so for a long time I'd been thinking (I'd like to get cable radio, but I wonder how it's installed?), just when Yazawa Ai took the initiative* I asked her and understood how to do it, so all that's left is the strength to carry it out, right ^. Lately, when it comes to the sort of stuff I'm listening to, I'm not interested in the en vogue "Being" genre, but rather, my favorite would have to be Dreams Come True, and I also often listen to Mr. Children, Bridge, B'z, and the like. I wonder whether Miura Rieko-chan's new albums coming out (I'm hooked on her voice, y'know.)



It's such a fine house, isn't it... Meiko's place...
Whenever I see it...
I need a little courage just to press the intercom button.
SLAM
MEIKO!
I SAW YOU COMING FROM THE WINDOW.
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.
SHALL WE TAKE A LITTLE WALK?

I HEARD YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH NATCHAN
IS IT TRUE...?
IT'S TRUE

BUT IT WASN'T LIKE WHAT EVERY-ONE'S THINKING
LAST SATURDAY
AT NATCHAN'S APART-MENT...
I STAYED OVER.
.....
THAT NIGHT...
MY FATHER, WHO'S NOT USUALLY AT HOME, GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH MY MOTHER, WHO GOT DRUNK AND CAME HOME LATE AT NIGHT
MY PARENTS .. ARE ALWAYS IN A STATE OF COLD WAR, BUT OCCASIONALLY, WHEN THEY EXPLODE, IT'S AWFUL
THAT DAY AS WELL, IT TURNED INTO SOME AWFUL NAME-CALLING ...
AND FINALLY, I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, AND I RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE.
AND THEN I WENT TO SENSEI'S PLACE.

I can't take it anymore.
I hate a home like that!!
Sensei ...!
Meiko!?
This late... What happened?
SENSEI LISTENED TO MY STORY IN SILENCE...
AND I CRIED UNTIL I FELL ASLEEP.
AND ALL THE WHILE, HE HELD MY HAND...
YOU EXPLAINED THAT TO THE PRINCIPAL, DIDN'T YOU!?
HE DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU!?
HE TOLD ME HE BELIEVED ME.
AT LEAST FOR NOW

Ah!
BUT IT IS TRUE THAT WE WERE DATING..
AND HE SAID NOW THAT IT'S BECOME A HUGE UPROAR LIKE THIS, HE COULDN'T VERY WELL AVOID HANDING OUT SOME SORT OF PUNISHMENT...
EVEN IF I'M SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL.
EVEN IF I'M EXPELLED, ANYTHING IS FINE...
BUT IF IT TURNS INTO SOMETHING LIKE SENSEI GETTING FIRED...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

TO THINK I CAUSED HIM ALL THIS TROUBLE ...
BUT BACK THEN, THERE WASN'T ANYTHING I COULD DO.
THERE WASN'T ANY OTHER PLACE TO GO TO...!!
MEIKO ..
To me...
You could have come to my place...

.....
WITH NATCHAN... HOW LONG...?
I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE THE SPRING OF 3RD-YEAR JUNIOR HIGH.
THAT WE KNEW THAT WE LIKED EACH OTHER WAS... MAYBE ABOUT A HALF A YEAR LATER
IT'S BEEN THAT LONG!?
I... I SEE-E-E
I HADN'T NOTICED AT ALL...
WHAT A SUR-PRISE...
CLENCH
B-BUT...
I WISH YOU'D TOLD ME
BEFORE I FOUND OUT LIKE THIS...

EDITED BY ZLLEH, FROM #MANGAPROJECT ON DALNET

I KNOW IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFICULT TO TALK ABOUT...
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE TOLD ANYONE ELSE...
THAT YOU WERE KEEPING SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING LIKE THIS A SECRET, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A CLOSE FRIEND...
I'M A BIT SHOCKED..
BECAUSE YOU'RE A CLOSE FRIEND...
DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING?

...!
MEIKO ...?
AND PAMPERING EACH OTHER?
AND CONSOLING...
LAYING BARE EACH OTHER'S WEAKNESSES AND WOUNDS AND EVERYTHING...?
DOES BEING CLOSE FRIENDS MEAN
IF IT'S A STICKY FRIENDSHIP LIKE THAT...
THEN I DON'T WANT IT.

TAP!
MI...

THUMP
SLAM!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP!
BANG!

MIKI
...?
Miki
MIKI?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
KNOCK KNOCK

KNOCK KNOCK
MIKI?
If it's that kind of friendship...
Then I don't want it
DON'T WANT IT.

MEIKO...!!
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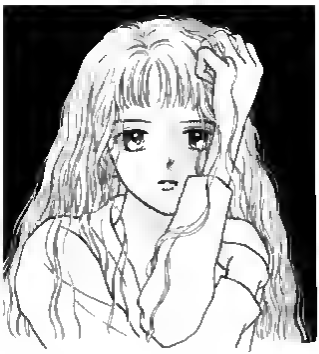
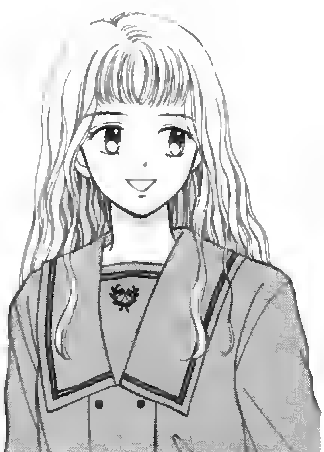


With good looks, and an expression that seemed like a grown-up's
It was at the time of our junior high entrance ceremony that I first met Meiko
Among the many new students, Meiko stood out
I WISH I COULD BECOME FRIENDS WITH SUCH A GIRL
WOW-W-W A BEAU-TIFUL GIR-R-RL



Because I admired Meiko at first sight.

When we ended up in the same class. And on top of that, when we became close enough that I could call her a great and dear friend.

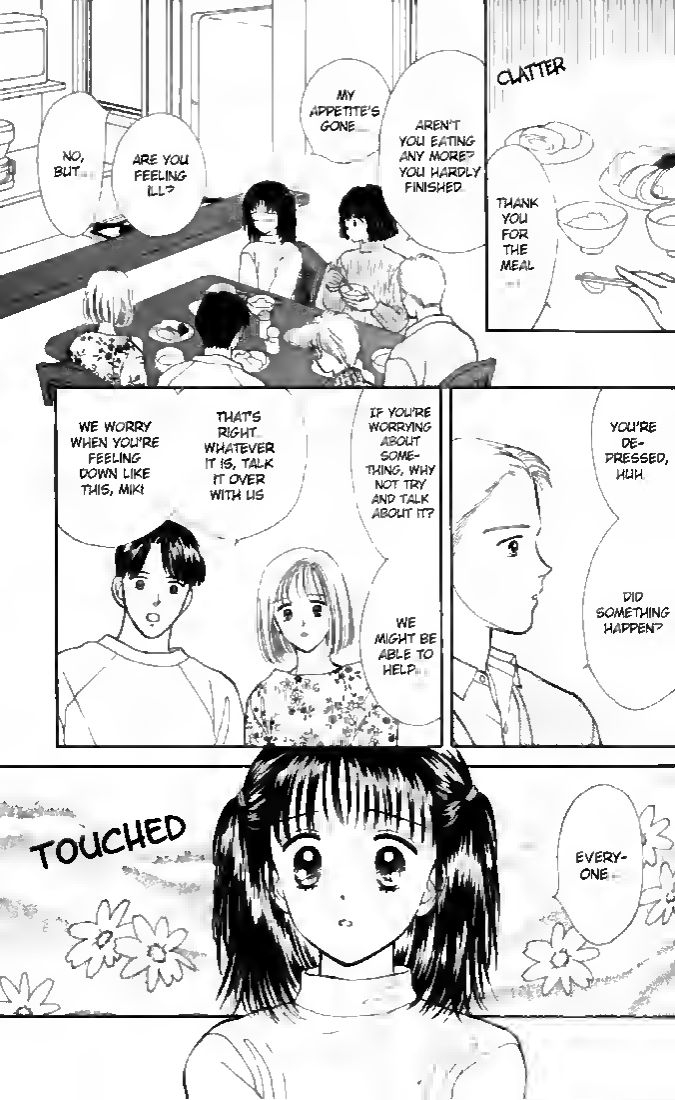
I was really, really happy.

Meiko didn't talk much about herself.

But she always listened kindly to me and gave me advice.

And so, no matter what it was, I talked it over with Meiko, and could always turn to her.

SNIFF!
I WONDER IF I REALLY WAS JUST A NUISANCE
WAS I A PEST ...?
Meiko, who was always smiling gently and accepting me for what I was.
But...
Meiko...


CLATTER
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL...
AREN'T YOU EATING ANY MORE? YOU HARDLY FINISHED.
MY APPETITE'S GONE...
ARE YOU FEELING ILL?
NO, BUT...
YOU'RE DE-PRESSED, HUH.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IF YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT SOME-THING, WHY NOT TRY AND TALK ABOUT IT?
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP...
THAT'S RIGHT. WHATEVER IT IS, TALK IT OVER WITH US
WE WORRY WHEN YOU'RE FEELING DOWN LIKE THIS, MIKI
TOUCHED
EVERY-ONE...

MEIKO-CHAN IS TOO GOOD FOR THIS GUY
REEEALLY? HE LOOKS WIMPY
UH-HUH. A GOOD-LOOKING YOUNG MAN, HM
"NATCHAN" IS NAMIURA-SENSEI, THE HOMEROOM TEACHER, RIGHT? HE'S KINDA CUTE.. THAT BOY
AHH!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A MEIKO-CHAN FAN, JIN.
WHAAAT ?
SHE DID IT! MEIKO-CHAN!
group photograph taken
TO BECOME A TEACHER AT AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, AND, WITH A STUDENT... ♡
IF IT WERE ME, I'D WISH FOR THE OPPO-SITE...
HAAA
HOW SWEET... THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE DREAMED ABOUT.. THE FORBIDDEN LOVE BETWEEN A TEACHER AND STUDENT!
BUT THERE WASN'T A SINGLE COOL-LOOKING TEACHER AT MY SCHOOL.
EH?! WHAT... WHAT?! WHAT HAP-PENED?!
WHEN I WAS IN 2ND-YEAR HIGH, STAYING AFTER SCHOOL WITH A MUSIC TEACHER WHO WAS FRESH OUT OF COLLEGE...
OHH, THAT REMINDS ME...
AMOROUS
KYAA
ISN'T IT?!
KYAA
AHH, THAT'S GRE-E-EAT!

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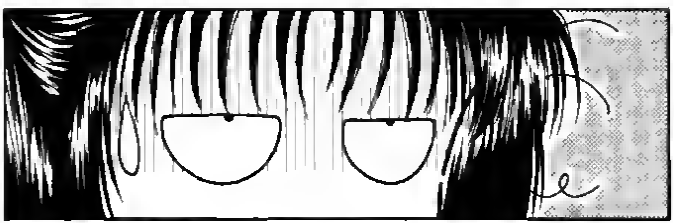
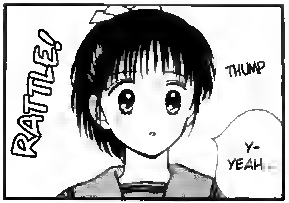
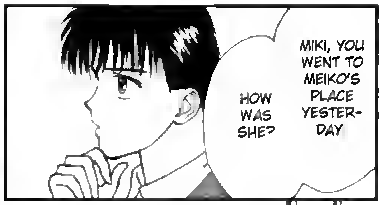
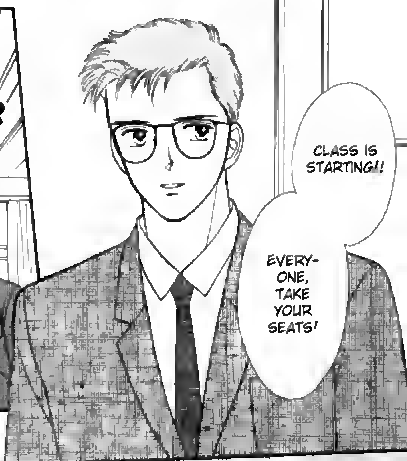


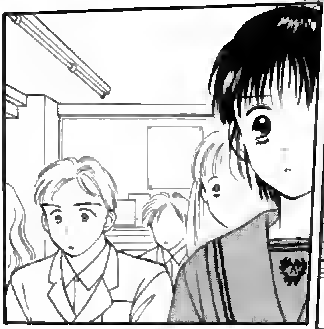
SHIT-T-T
Shouldn't have spoken
CAN'T YOU READ THEM BY NOW? THEIR THOUGHT PATTERN
YOU NEVER LEARN DO YOU
CLAMOR
KYAA

BUT, AFTER ALL, ISN'T IT SOMETHING YOU KEEP SECRET WHILE IN SCHOOL?
THERE SEEM TO BE STORIES THAT THIS OFTEN HAPPENS AT GIRLS SCHOOLS
BEING SEEN BY A PARENT WOULD BE BAD, HUH
THOUGH IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM IF YOU WEREN'T DISCOVERED UNTIL GRADUATION
WHEN IT'S A TEACHER AND A STUDENT
I WONDER WHY IT'S WRONG









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I'VE GIVEN UP BEING A TEACHER ...
I'M HEADING HOME TO HIROSHIMA, AND I'M GOING TO SUCCEED MY FATHER IN HIS REAL ESTATE AGENCY.
THEN,
YOU'RE MOVING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL!?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
BUZZ..
CLATTER
IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU...
SOME-THING LIKE THAT. DON'T QUIT, NATCHAN!
WAH!
THAT'S RIGHT.
JUST BECAUSE SOME-THING LIKE THIS..
PLEASE DON'T QUIT!!

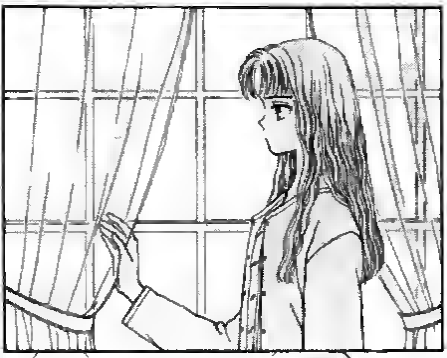
I OPPOSED THAT AND BECAME A TEACHER, BUT..
FROM BEFORE, IT'S BEEN MY PARENTS' WISH THAT I, THE ELDEST SON, SUCCEED TO THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
WITH THIS AS A START, I'VE FINALLY DECIDED
THANK YOU.
BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED
EVERYONE...
GOOD LUCK, AND DO YOUR BEST!
I THINK I'VE PUT YOU ALL THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE, AND I'M REALLY SORRY.
IT IS MY REGRET THAT I CAN'T KEEP AN EYE ON YOU UNTIL YOU GRADUATE, BUT...

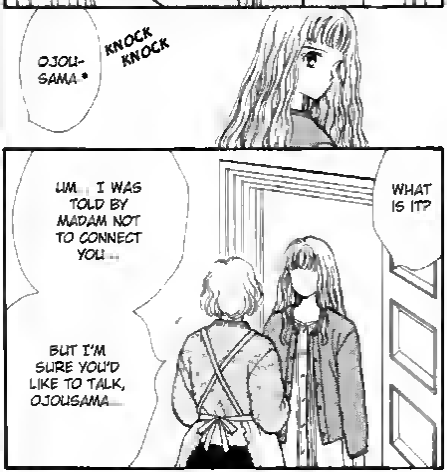
Shin'ichi Namura

HOROSCOPE PISCES

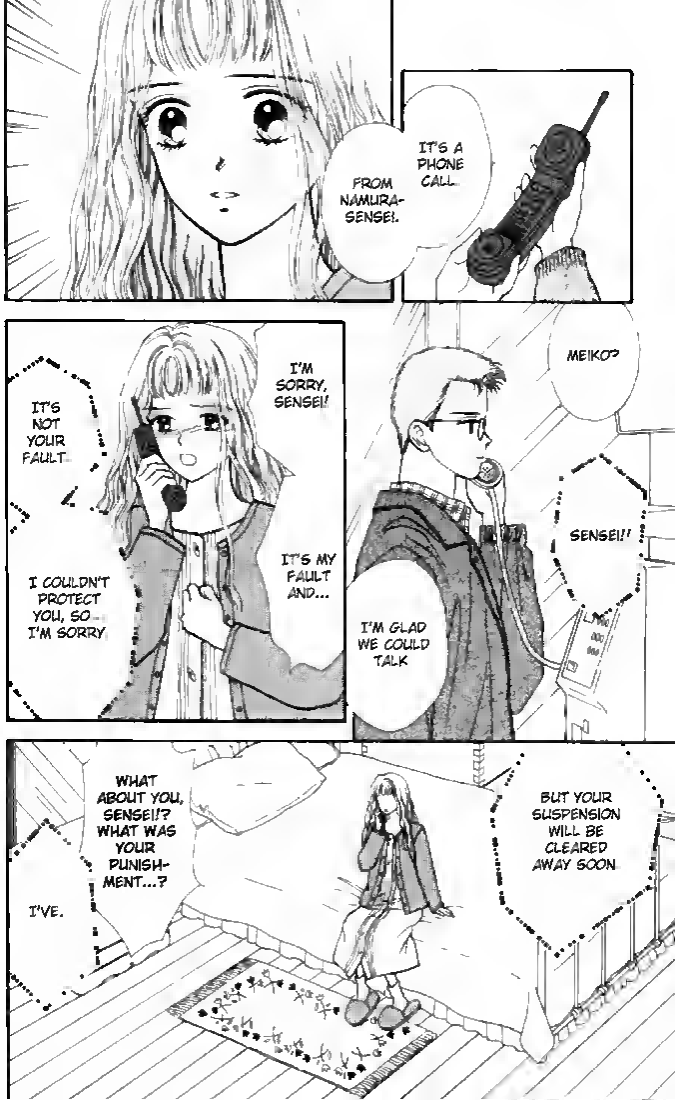
BLOODTYPE A

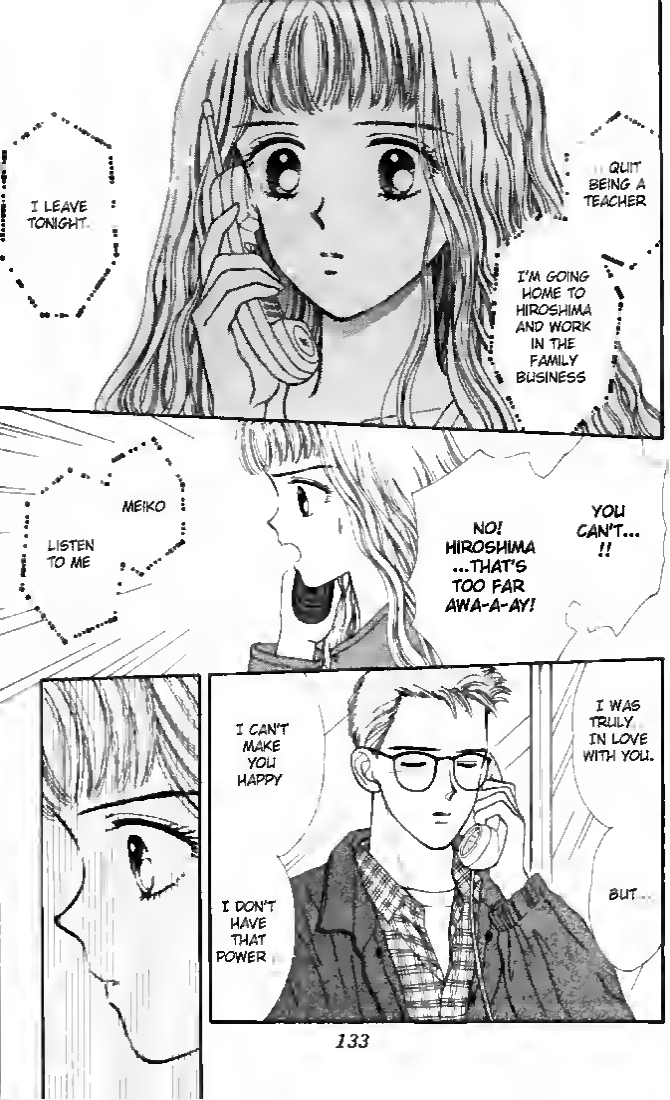
natchan's full name is "namura shin'ichi" ... i decided just now

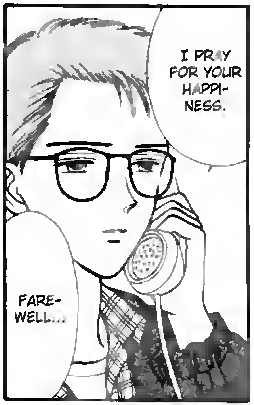


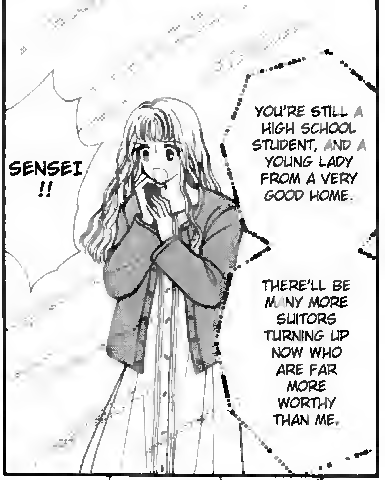


*NOTE (A TITLE OF "YOUNG LADY" OR "MISS" WITH THE HIGH HONORIFIC "-SAMA" ATTACHED)

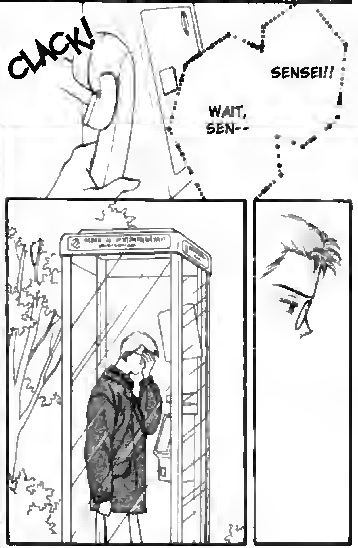

IT'S A PHONE CALL FROM NAMURA-SENSEI.
MEIKO?
SENSEI!!
I'M GLAD WE COULD TALK
I'M SORRY, SENSEI!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
IT'S MY FAULT AND...
I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU, SO... I'M SORRY
BUT YOUR SUSPENSION WILL BE CLEARED AWAY SOON.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SENSEI!? WHAT WAS YOUR PUNISH-MENT...?
I'VE.


I LEAVE TONIGHT.
I QUIT BEING A TEACHER
I'M GOING HOME TO HIROSHIMA AND WORK IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS
MEIKO
LISTEN TO ME
NO! HIROSHIMA ...THAT'S TOO FAR AWA-A-AY!
YOU CAN'T... !!
I CAN'T MAKE YOU HAPPY
I WAS TRULY IN LOVE WITH YOU.
I DON'T HAVE THAT POWER
BUT...


I PRAY FOR YOUR HAPPINESS.
FAREWELL...


SENSEI!!
YOU'RE STILL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, AND A YOUNG LADY FROM A VERY GOOD HOME.
THERE'LL BE MANY MORE SUITORS TURNING UP NOW WHO ARE FAR MORE WORTHY THAN ME.

TZZ
TZZ
TZZ


CLACK!
SENSEI!!
WAIT, SEN--

FREE TALK ⑤

21-28 *june* '93 - i went on a trip to switzerland and paris with my parents. the pleasurable part of the trip was, sure enough, shopping. even so, i wasn't really hunting for brand-name stuff, but rather, i like finding all sorts of cute things at stationers, general stores, bookstores, art supply stores, post offices, supermarkets... etc, etc.

pingu's mini picture

in a swiss stationers

pingu chocolates

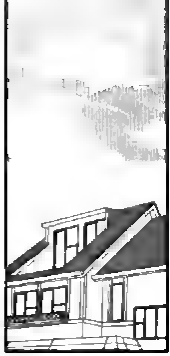
i found them at a swiss kiosk, and they're very lovely, so i went and bought 10 and handed them out to my friends.

sketchbooks

in a swiss art supply store. i wonder what i'll draw?

this is also red.

the color is absolutely beautiful. the upper one has sky-blue letters on a white background, the lower one has red letters on a light peppermint background.



A long-distance love seems awfully difficult

If Natchon ends up going to Hiroshima what will become of those two?

DING DONG

On top of that I'm sure Meiko is being opposed by her folks

She said her parents are the type who worry about appearances

I hope they aren't terribly angry about her suspension.

TAP TAP
MIKI!
I wonder...
If they're going to break up
SPROING
BAM BAM
MIKI?!
IF IT'S THAT KIND OF FRIEND-SHIP, THEN I DON'T WANT IT.
AH...!
IT'S A VISITOR! AKIZUKI!
ARE YOU SLEEP-ING?

FREE TALK ⑥

at a swiss post office, i bought postage stamps of beautifully illustrated animals, and boxes for mailing. there are a lot of post offices that sell stylish-looking envelopes and such, and so it was fun. envelopes used for american express mail had marks like chocolate kisses all lined up, and were extremely cute. even at the stationery stores, japan has a far richer selection of beautifully-designed letter sets and stationery, but for business envelopes and notebooks, foreign ones are awfully stylish and cute.

a stuffed bunny i bought in paris

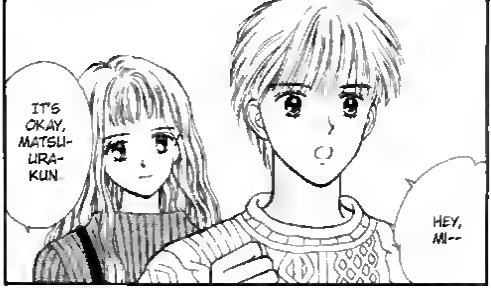
you can put your hand here and move the face and

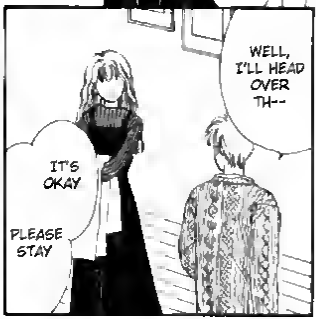
like chapellier mini tote bag

we're guessing on the french brand name...

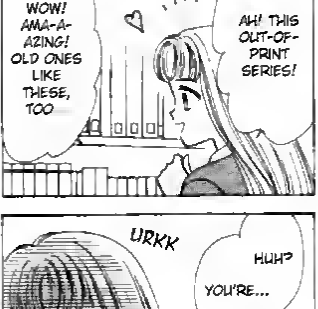
i bought a lot of them as souvenir gifts for friends

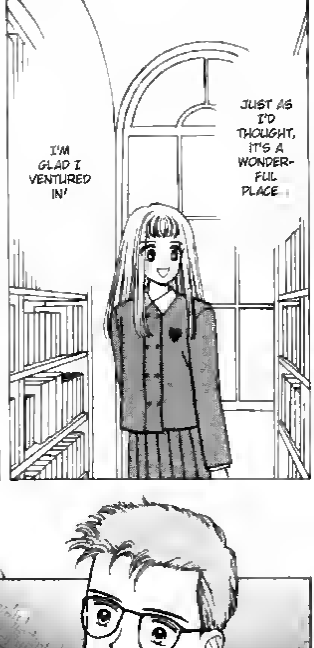
the illustration on jacadi's baby cologne is cute





I'M SORRY
I WAS ON EDGE... AND I JUST TOOK IT OUT ON YOU, MIKI
I'M SORRY
THE OTHER DAY...
I SAID SOME-THING CRUEL...
IT WAS MAY OF OUR 3RD YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH...
A WEDNES-DAY, AFTER SCHOOL ...
I MET NAMURA-SENSEI..
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY BUILDING





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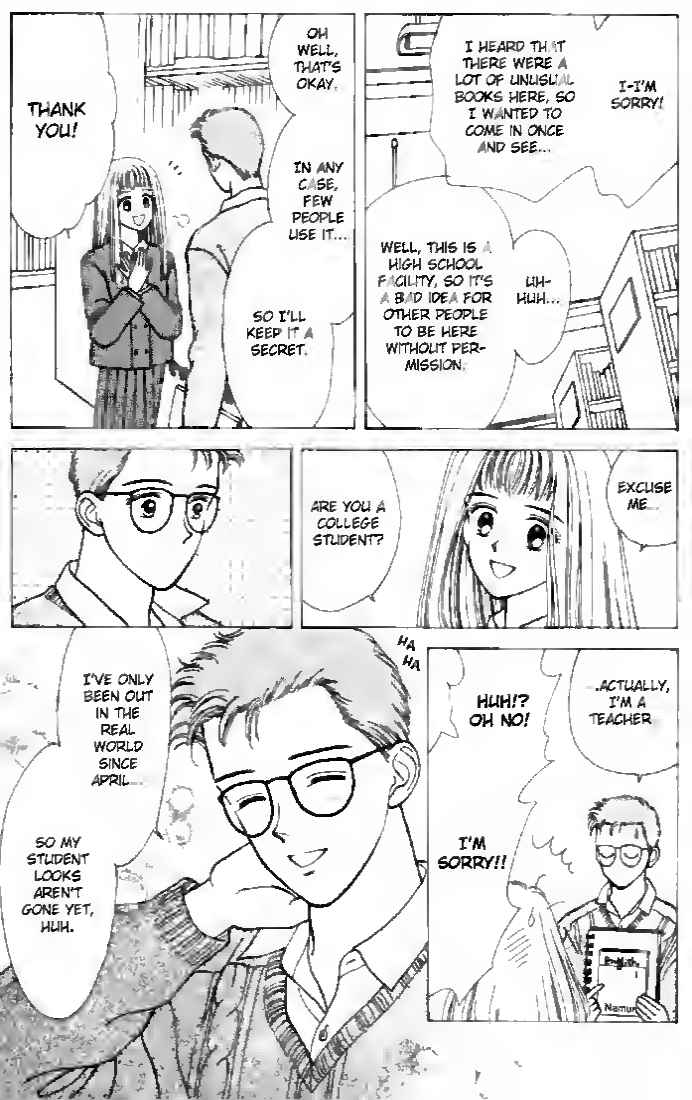
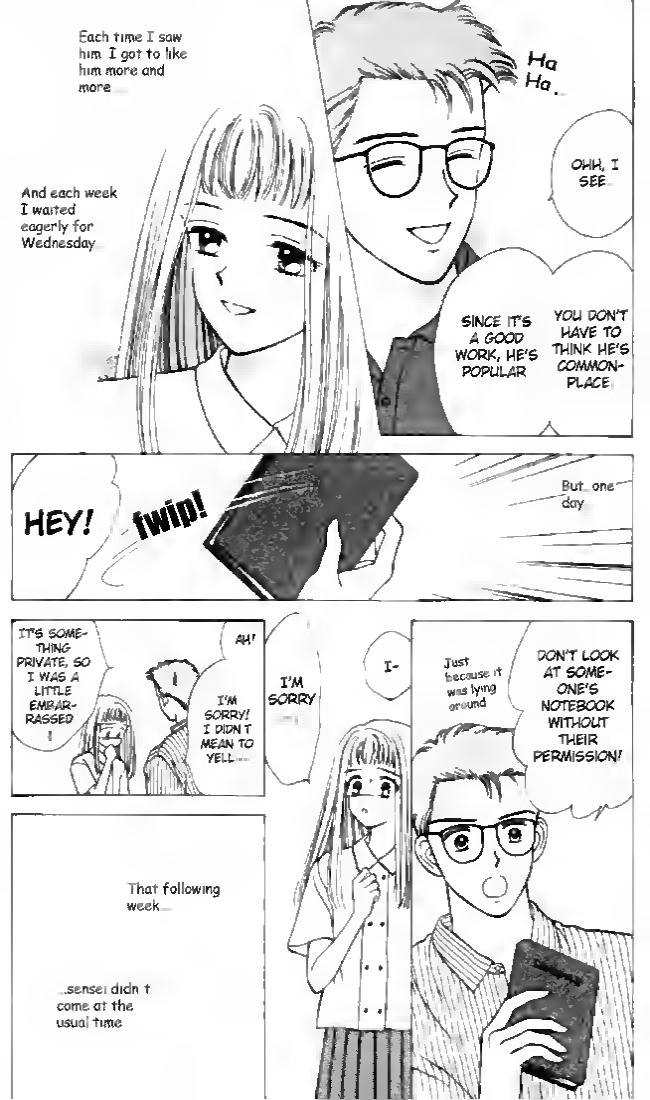
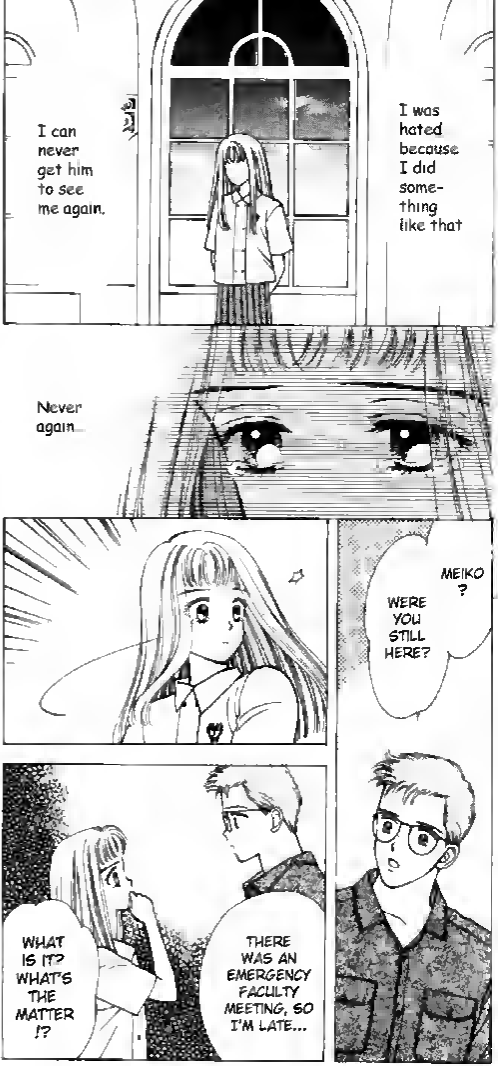

THANK YOU!
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
IN ANY CASE, FEW PEOPLE USE IT...
SO I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET.
I-I'M SORRY!
I HEARD THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF UNUSUAL BOOKS HERE, SO I WANTED TO COME IN ONCE AND SEE...
UH-HUH...
WELL, THIS IS A HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY, SO IT'S A BAD IDEA FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO BE HERE WITHOUT PERMISSION.
EXCUSE ME...
ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT?
..ACTUALLY, I'M A TEACHER
HUH!? OH NO!
I'M SORRY!!
English
Namura
HA HA
I'VE ONLY BEEN OUT IN THE REAL WORLD SINCE APRIL...
SO MY STUDENT LOOKS AREN'T GONE YET, HUH.

...his smiling face was utterly sweet
I thought
I used the excuse that "I want to read books" but my real aim was sensei
I heard that sensei usually prepared his lessons Wednesday-afternoons in the library, and I went to visit every week
I'M SORRY... ACTUALLY, I HAVEN'T READ HER
THE ONE I LIKE IS SALINGER
SO COMMON-PLACE, RIGHT?
LET'S SEE... UMM
HUH?
I just know the name
CARSON MCCULLERS?
HUHHH YOU LIKE REFINED WRITERS, DON'T YOU
WHAT IS IT ABOUT HER THAT YOU FIND INTEREST-ING?


Each time I saw him I got to like him more and more...
And each week I waited eagerly for Wednesday
Ha Ha.
OHH, I SEE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK HE'S COMMON-PLACE
SINCE IT'S A GOOD WORK, HE'S POPULAR
But one day
HEY!
twip!
IT'S SOME-THING PRIVATE, SO I WAS A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED !
AH!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO YELL...
I'M SORRY
I-
Just because it was lying around
DON'T LOOK AT SOME-ONE'S NOTEBOOK WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION!
That following week...
...sensei didn't come at the usual time

FREE TALK ⑦

on july 20-22, 1993, i went to hokkaido with yazawa-a. it was our goal to see the lavender plants of furano. 7/20 tue. both of us work till the last minute. so we collapse in haneda. we eat lunch in the train car from chitose --- sapporo. the "salmon and salmon roe rice" box lnch at the station-u that was praised to the skies by ribbon editorial taffer, muss u. was extremely delicious. the two of us are excited, "to think that even the almon roe inside an ordinary station box lunch is delicious--indeed, hokkaido is different." arriving in sapporo, we go to the hotel after we ate corn-on-the-cob in the central park. we got tired and end up falling asleep. in the evening, we call up takada emu-chan and the three of us go to a sushi bar. the uni appears, and comes in what seems to be a sherbet glass and we're impressed.


I can never get him to see me again.
I was hated because I did something like that
Never again
MEIKO ?
WERE YOU STILL HERE?
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER !?
THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY FACULTY MEETING, SO I'M LATE...

I LOVE YOU, SENSEI.
I LOVE YOU...
SQUEEZE...

WHAT CAN I DO...
I WONDER IF I HAVE A LOLITA COMPLEX?
8 years difference huh.
F-FIFTEEN..
MEIKO, HOW OLD ARE YOU AGAIN?
.....
THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER
TEE HEE HEE
HEH!
I'LL BE A GROWN-UP SOON..
SO PLEASE WAIT FOR ME...

I KEPT SILENT ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW, AND I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, OR DON'T THINK YOU'RE IMPORTANT, MIKI.
BUT, TO COMPLETELY REVEAL WHAT'S IN MY HEART TO A FRIEND THAT I LIKE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH...
...IS SOMETHING I CAN'T DO.
THOUGH EVEN I'M NOT TOO FOND MYSELF OF A TRAIT LIKE THIS, EITHER
PERHAPS...
I WAS SCARED THAT IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS CONFUSED AND UGLY PART AT THE CORE OF MY HEART, MIKI.
THAT MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T LIKE ME
BUT YOU AREN'T LIKE ME, MIKI, AND YOU TALKED TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING, WITHOUT A CARE.
THAT MADE ME AWFULLY HAPPY

I REALLY LIKE YOU A LOT, MIKI.
PLEASE BELIEVE ME.

MATSU-URA-KUN ..
TAKE CARE OF MIKI, 'KAY.
WHA ...!
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I HAVE THE TAXI WAITING.
VROOM...!
HEY!
AKIZUKI ...!?

MIKI!
WHAM
WHA-A-AT?
SNIFFLE
COMING IN SOMEONE'S ROOM WITHOUT ASKING
DON'T BE SUCH A CRYBABY! WE'RE GOING AFTER AKIZUKI!!!
SHE'S AT TOKYO STATION!
HUH...?
I-
I... CAN'T GO.
MAYBE SHE...
PLANS TO ELOPE WITH NATCHAN.

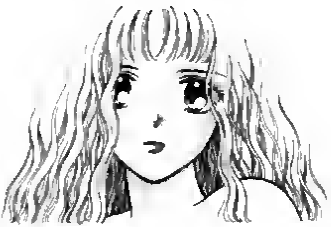
TH-- THAT'S NOT I-I-IT THAT WAS...
MEIKO DOESN'T NEED ME AT ALL...
SHE ONLY SAID THAT TO ME BECAUSE SHE SAW THAT MY FEELINGS WERE HURT..
..BECAUSE MEIKO'S NICE
WHY NOT !?
BECAUSE MEIKO SAID SHE DOESN'T NEED ME ..
WASN'T SHE SAYING JUST NOW THAT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT !?!
DUMMY!
YOU'VE BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS EVER SINCE 1ST YEAR JUNIOR HIGH, HAVEN'T YOU?
HOW COULD YOU TWO HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE IF SHE DIDN'T NEED YOU?
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF YOU CAN'T EVER SEE HER AGAIN!?

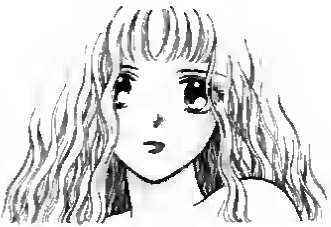
N-
NO-O-O
DROP DROP
Ah, c'mon
I SAID DON'T BE A CRYBABY.
Y-YUU, YOU'LL ALSO...
COME ALONG!
LET'S HURRY!
'KAY!?
UH-HUH

I LEFT SECRETLY, SO I COULDN'T TAKE MUCH LUGGAGE...
I CAME ...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TIME YOUR BULLET TRAIN WAS LEAVING.
BUT I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU.
I WAS THINKING, "WHAT'LL I DO IF I CAN'T MEET..?"

I CAN'T JUST SAY GOODBYE.
TAKE ME WITH YOU, TOO...
PLEASE!

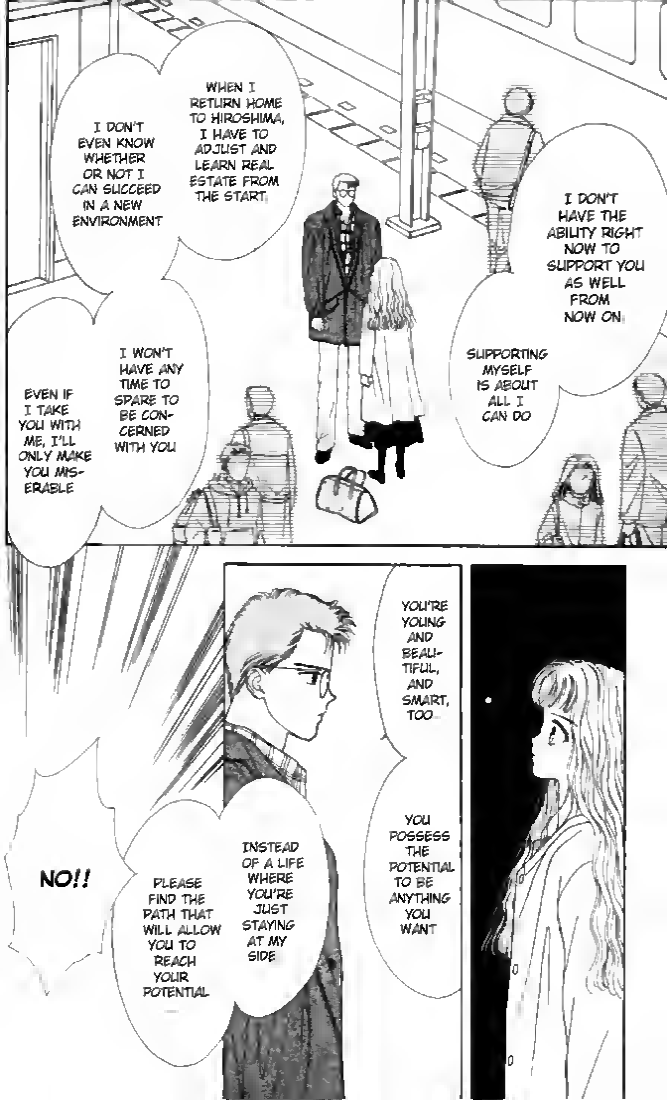
MEIKO!

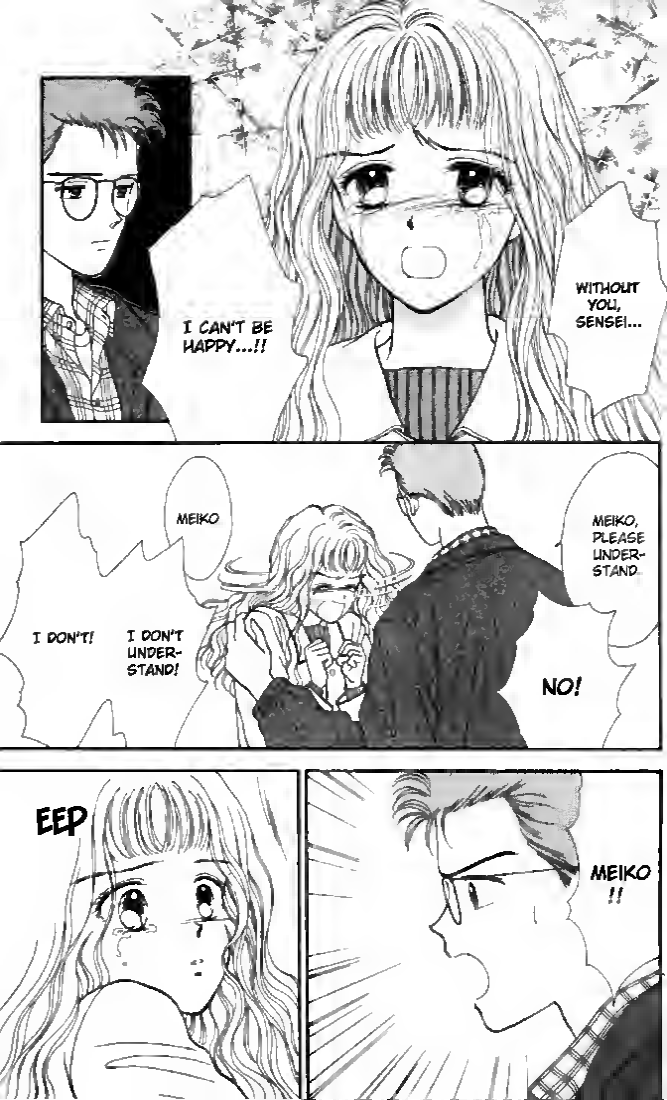




MEIKO...
THANK YOU FOR COMING.
I'M AWFULLY HAPPY.
BUT...
I CAN'T VERY WELL TAKE YOU WITH ME.
GO HOME.

YOUR PARENTS WILL COME TO TAKE YOU BACK RIGHT AWAY
WHY...?
EVEN IF THEY COME, I WON'T GO BACK. A HOME LIKE THAT!
PLEASE LET ME STAY BESIDE YOU...!
THAT'S NO GOOD
KNOWING THAT I'LL MAKE YOU MISERABLE
I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME!


I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I CAN SUCCEED IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT
WHEN I RETURN HOME TO HIROSHIMA, I HAVE TO ADJUST AND LEARN REAL ESTATE FROM THE START.
I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY RIGHT NOW TO SUPPORT YOU AS WELL FROM NOW ON.
SUPPORTING MYSELF IS ABOUT ALL I CAN DO
I WON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE TO BE CONCERNED WITH YOU
EVEN IF I TAKE YOU WITH ME, I'LL ONLY MAKE YOU MISERABLE
YOU'RE YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL, AND SMART, TOO.
YOU POSSESS THE POTENTIAL TO BE ANYTHING YOU WANT
INSTEAD OF A LIFE WHERE YOU'RE JUST STAYING AT MY SIDE
PLEASE FIND THE PATH THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO REACH YOUR POTENTIAL
NO!!


I CAN'T BE HAPPY...!!
WITHOUT YOU, SENSEI...
MEIKO
I DON'T!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
MEIKO, PLEASE UNDER-STAND
NO!
EEP
MEIKO !!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU, EITHER?
YOU WON'T TELL ME...
THAT YOU'LL COME FOR ME SOME-DAY...?
WE SHOULDN'T TIE EACH OTHER DOWN WITH PROMISES LIKE THAT.

I WON'T ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME
HATE ME
AND FORGET ABOUT ME
FAREWELL.

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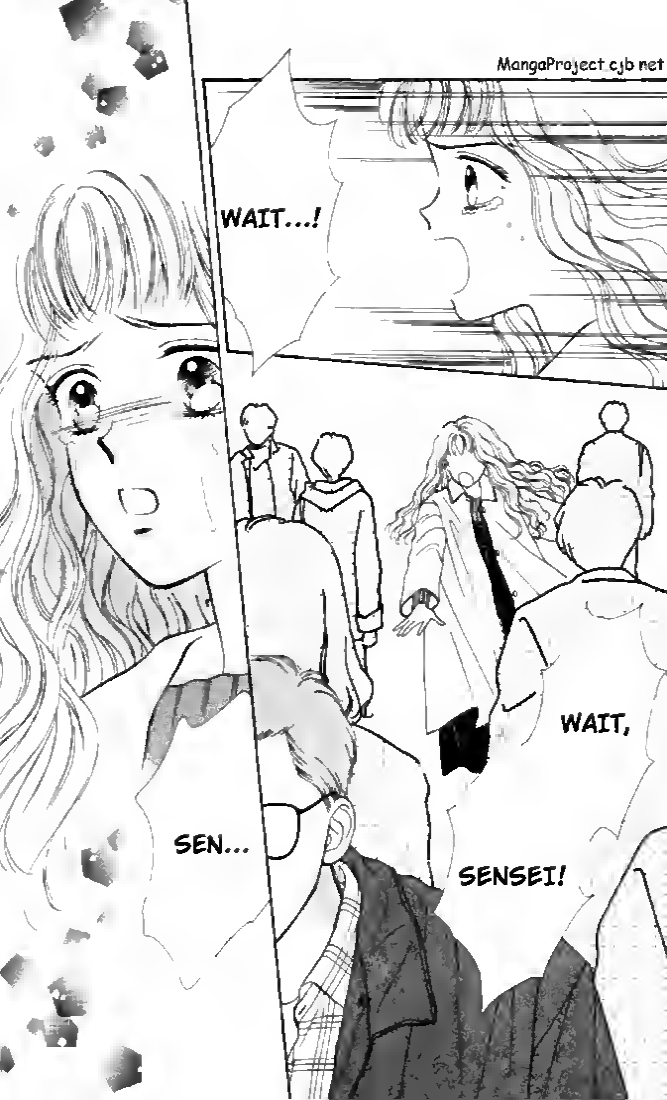

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FREE TALK©

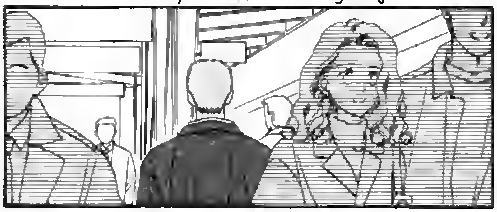
7/21 (Wed)
On the Furano Express to Furano We get a tour by taxi of several of Furano's sightseeing spots. The flowers that were blooming everywhere and the flower gardens of Tomita Farm were also very beautiful, but the path within the garden en route from Tomita Farm Rokunori (?) Forest was wonderful because of the awfully fine view. I want to go again next year. <sigh> I want to go to Biei, too!

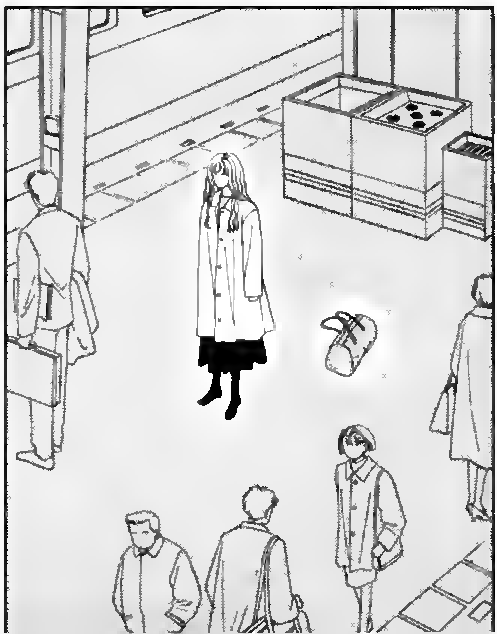
7/22 (Thu) After we ate crab <zousui> for lunch, we went to "Sapporo's Fine Arts Forest." The outdoor art gallery was a lot of fun!

A sculpture called "Let's Turn into Chairs and Rest"

Yazawa A. posed in the same way, stuck at the tail end, and had her picture taken like that (^R^).

And then we returned to Tokyo on a 555 flight. It was fun.





PUFF
PUFF
IS-
IS THIS THE RIGHT PLAT-FORM?
Maybe she's gone already
I DON'T KNOW
ANYWAY, WE'LL JUST GO CHECK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM...
HEY!
OVER THERE...
MEIKO!
RUSH!

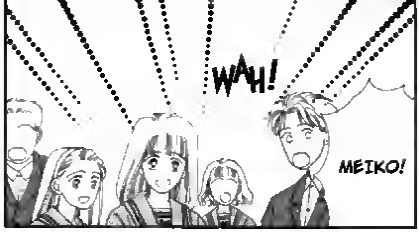
PUFF
PUFF
MIKI...
WHY ..?
WH-
WHERE'S NATCHAN ..?
GONE...
I BEGGED HIM TO TAKE ME WITH HIM
BUT HE SAID NO

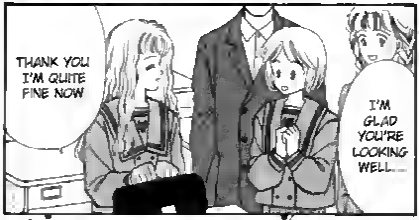
EVEN THOUGH I SCREAMED "WAIT"...
HE DIDN'T EVEN...
LOOK BACK AT M...
MEI...

KA-THUNK
KA-THUNK
KA-THUNK
KA-THUNK

MEIKO
...!!

Year 2, Class B
SAY, LISTEN GINTA MADE A MISTAKE AND ALMOST WENT INTO CLASS-ROOM 1-B
Even though starting today, we're 2nd year...
SHUD-DUP!
IN THIS SCHOOL CLASSES WON'T CHANGE FOR 3 YEARS
Good morning Miki-i-i
GOOD MORNING!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
O-OHH
THIS ONE CRUISED ON IN AND WAS ROUNDLY LAUGHED AT BY THE 1ST-YEARS!
SHUT UP! GRRRRRR. YUU!
IT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
GOOD MORNING

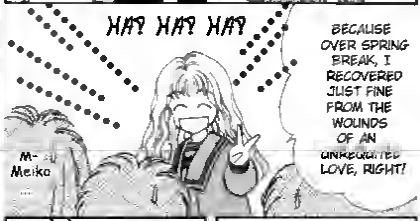


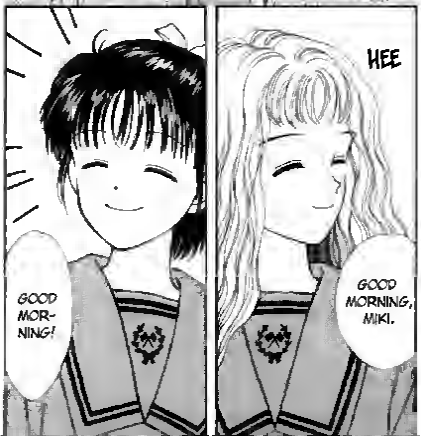


Tsutomu Rokutanda

HOROSCOPE CANCER

BLOOD TYPE B



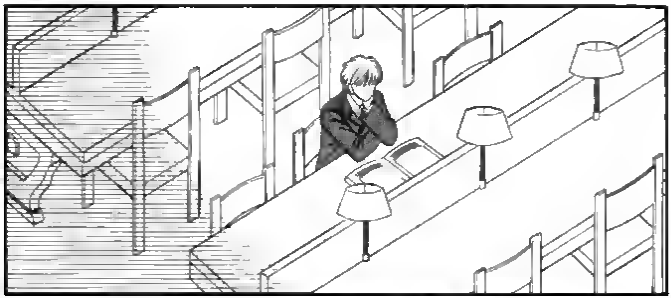


ALL STUDENTS, FORM LINES IN THE PLAY-GROUND, PLEASE.
WE WILL BE PERFORMING THE OPENING CEREMONY NOW.
MUMBLE
WITH HANABUSA-SENSEI
MUMBLE
HEY, THAT GIRL
YEEP
GLARE!
I REALLY AM ALL RIGHT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY SO MUCH, EVERYONE
BUT
Wh-what was that ?

YOU'RE SO STRONG, MEIKO...
I DON'T THINK SHE'S AS FINE AS SHE'S LETTING ON
HANG IN THERE, 'KAY.
I'M WITH YOU!

AH, MATSUURA-KUN.
DID YOU COME TO BORROW A BOOK?
AKIZUKI...
THE DEADLINE FOR THE CLUB MAGAZINE IS ALMOST HERE.
I HAVE TO GATHER SOME MATERIAL.
TEE!
THAT'S TRUE.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE COMING HERE ANY-MORE.

BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL GOOD MEMORIES.
CERTAINLY
MANY THINGS COME TO MIND WHEN I COME HERE...
BUT IT ISN'T UNBEARABLE AT ALL.
EVEN NOW,
I LIKE THIS PLACE A LOT..



SQUEAK...

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Satoshi Miwa

HOROSCOPE: SAGITTARIUS

BLOODTYPE AB

So, I'll see you again in volume 4

owoooOOOOOOO
BUT...
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER SEATS...
UM...
SLOWLY-Y-Y
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
STRANGE GUY-Y-Y...
SEEMS TO BE A 3RD-YEAR STUDENT...
IS-
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU!?
STARE!
NO...
NOT REALLY.

I HAVE AN INTEREST IN YOU
I FEEL THE SAME WAY
IT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE INTEREST OF A GUY
CLATTER
HUH? ARE YOU GOING HOME?
THIS GUY'S KINDA DANGEROUS
I'M OUTTA HERE
SMILE SMILE SMILE
...?
??

Gaudi
Parque Güell
THE COMPLETE WORKS OF ANTONIO GAUDI.
I HAVE THAT BOOK AT HOME, TOO
THEY'RE ALL HERE, TOO
!?
NO, THANK YOU
SO THEN
WON'T YOU COME AND SEE IT NEXT TIME?
HUH ?
SLAM!
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

HE'H
HE'S RUNNING AWAY
DOESN'T HE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME?
THAT GUY..
YUU-U-U!

You shouldn't run in the hallway!!
Hurry up, I tell you!
Eh? Really?
IT'S OUR GROUP'S TURN TO PREPARE FOR THE CHEMISTRY EXPERI-MENTS.
GRRRR. YOU FORGO-O-OT
EVERYONE WENT ALREADY HURRY, HURRY!

HI.
NOD
.....
HE'S WITH A GIRL
YOU MEAN HIS INTEREST WASN'T DANGEROUS?
WAIT A SEC, YUU!
YUU!
THAT WAS THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT JUST NOW, WASN'T IT?
NO, I WOULDN'T EXACTLY SAY I KNOW HIM.
So coo-o-ool
WHEN DID YOU GET TO KNOW HIM!?

STUDENT BODY PRESI-DENT!?
THAT GUY-Y-Y!?
YOU GOTTA BE JOKING... TO THINK YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PRESI-DENT LOOKS LIKE
WELL, AT THE FALL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT WHOM DID YOU VOTE FOR!?
ELEC-TION FOR PRES! ...
I DON'T RE-MEMBER
I THINK I SKIPPED IT
YOU'RE SO-O-O HOPE-LESS!
You have a shallow awareness of self-government!
BUT STILL, THAT DANGEROUS LONG-HAIRED GUY IS THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT...
SIGH!
THEN, WHOM DID YOU PUT DOWN?
THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, OF COURSE!♡ BECAUSE HE LOOKS SO GOO-O-OOD.
HEY, NEXT TIME INTRODUCE ME, 'KAY!
... FEH!
THE PRESIDENT OF HIJIRI GAKUEN SCHOOL HAS A "REGENT-STYLE" HAIRDO
AKIRA
HM?
DANGE-ROUS?
HAIRSTYLE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

©Yazawa A.

SO, WHAT'S HIS NAME?
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NA-A-AME!?
What kind of acquaintance are you?
MIWA SATOSHI-SAN.
HE'S IN 3RD-YEAR, CLASS B.
MIWA ...!?
HIS NAME'S "MIWA"!?!
U- UH HUH.
WHAT'S WRONG, YUU?

I SEE.
MIWA...
HE'S...!
YUU...?

I WANT TO...
"COME AND HAVE YOU SHOW ME THE BOOK."

FEEL FREE.
ANY TIME.